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Know Before you go; Road closures in mountains and across state

Brace yourself for another nasty blow this season. This time instead of snow and ice it's in the form of rain, potential flooding around the state and landslides.

Major rivers in Washington are rapidly rising including rivers adjacent to I-5 in Lewis County. Forecasts indicate that portions of I-5 could be underwater as early as this afternoon. Our crews are monitoring the entire corridor and will immediately take the necessary measures to close the road if it becomes unsafe for vehicles.

All three major east-west mountain pass highways through the Cascade Mountains are closed at this hour due to avalanche danger and mudslides. You should anticipate additional travel delays and road closures. Also, plan for winter driving conditions in the mountain passes when they open and the potential for flooding throughout Washington.

Travel information is available at the [WSDOT web site](#). We recommend that you check conditions along your entire route. To help you out we established an [online county-by-county list of road closures](#).