

Washington State Emergency Operations Officer Monthly Report

October 2021

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CATEGORY	October 2021	October 2020	2021	2020
Logged incidents:				
DOE (Department of Energy, Hanford Site)	0	0	5	5
FIRE	49	38	446	180
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS (HAZMAT)	227	249	2253	2061
OTHER	58	61	701	613
911 SERVICE OUTAGES	0	1	5	11
SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS (SAR)	61	79	851	931
TERRORIST	0	0	0	0
INITIAL WEATHER INCIDENTS	8	4	49	37
CGS (Columbia Generating Station)	0	0	0	0
Total number of logged Incidents:	403	432	4310	3838

Categories not included in the total number of logged incidents above				
Additional Weather Alerts	78	33	686	780
Evidence Search Mission	7	3	55	54

LEGEND	
WEATHER	Weather incidents such as Flooding, High Winds, and Snow
FIRE	Wildland Fire incidents
OTHER	This category includes a wide variety of incidents, including but not limited to Tsunami events, Earthquakes, and Critical Incident Stress Debriefings.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 20-0265
 - This mission in response to the Corona Virus (COVID-19) outbreak was initiated on January 21, 2020 and continued into October 2021 with the State EOC activated at Level 2 (Partial).
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of October.**
- 21-2765
 - On July 6, Governor Inslee signed an emergency proclamation regarding ongoing wildland fire activities statewide. The State EOC extended the ongoing Level 2 - Partial Activation in place for COVID-19 to include this emergency. This mission continued into October 2021.
 - On October 15, the State EOC deactivated ESF 2 (Communication), ESF 4 (Firefighting), and ESF 13 (Public Safety and Security) for wildland fires and stood down the 2021 Wildfire Season. ESFs 5, 7, 8, 11, and 15 remain activated in support of COVID-19 activities.
- 21-3936
 - On October 3, Okanogan County initiated a rescue mission for a male with a broken ankle at Snag Tooth Ridge and requested a helicopter with hoist . The request was coordinated with King, Snohomish, and Spokane Counties, and then the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC). The mission was closed late that day when the subject was airlifted out to Harborview Hospital.
- 21-3945
 - On October 4, Yakima County initiated a search for a missing 65-year-old male hunter near the Pacific Crest Trail off Forest Service Road 5603. Ground Searchers and Scent or Tracking Dogs were requested and coordinated with Skamania, Lewis, Pierce, Kittitas, Klickitat, and Clark counties. The resources were later cancelled and the mission closed when the hunter contacted his spouse and stated he was coming out on his own.
- 21-3952
 - On October 1, Skagit County initiated a search and rescue for a missing 40-year-old kayaker missing in Padilla Bay and requested a helicopter to assist. The request was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed later that day when the subject was rescued by a boat.
- 21-3957
 - On October 5, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and the Admiralty Inlet in effect until 1500 that day. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 21-3996
 - On October 9, Clallam County initiated a search for a 53-year-old female mushroom picker. The County requested Ground Searchers and Scent Dogs, which were coordinated with Pierce, Kitsap, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties. The request was cancelled, and the mission closed later that morning when the subject was located safe.
- 21-3997
 - On October 9, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and Admiralty Inlet in effect from 1600 that day until 0500 on October 10. This event expired as scheduled ending the weather incident.

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- 21-4015
- On October 10, Snohomish County initiated a rescue of two individuals who became stranded while climbing Three Fingers Mountain and later requested Mountain Rescue personnel to assist. The request was coordinated with King and Kitsap Counties. The county later requested Quad All-Terrain Vehicles to help with the extraction, which were coordinated with Skagit and King Counties. The mission was closed early the next morning when the subjects were extracted successfully.
- 21-4017
- On October 10, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning for Klickitat and Yakima Counties in effect from 0300 to 0900 on October 11. The Warning was cancelled early on October 11.
 - On October 10, the NWS issued a Freeze Watch for portions of Benton, Columbia, Franklin, and Walla Walla Counties in effect the morning of October 12. The Watch was cancelled early on October 11.
 - On October 10, the NWS issued a Freeze Watch for Clark, Cowlitz, Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from late night on October 11 through the morning of October 12. The Watch was replaced on October 11 by a Frost Advisory in effect from midnight to 0900 on October 12.
 - On October 11, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning affecting Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties in effect from 0300 to 0900 on October 12.
 - On October 11, the NWS issued a Freeze Warning affecting Chelan and Douglas Counties in effect from 0300 to 0900 on October 12.
 - On October 12, The Freeze Warning affecting Benton, Chelan, Columbia Douglas Franklin, Klickitat, Walla Walla and Yakima Counties expired, ending this weather incident.
- 21-4042
- On October 12, the NWS issued a Special Marine Warning for Jefferson and Grays Harbor Counties until 1730. The Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 21-4062
- On October 15, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters including the San Juan Islands and Admiralty Inlet in effect from 1700 that day until 1700 on October 16.
 - On October 16, the Gale Warning expired as scheduled, ending this weather incident.
- 21-4068
- On October 15, Chelan County initiated a rescue of an injured male hiker stuck on a cliff near Rat Creek. The County requested a helicopter with hoist to assist, which was coordinated with King and Snohomish Counties and then the AFRCC. Ground assets were landed, and the mission was closed late that day when the subject was evacuated successfully.
- 21-4101
- On October 17, the NWS issued a Special Weather Statement for a strong thunderstorm impacting Clark and Cowlitz Counties in effect from 1717 until 1745 that day. The incident was closed when it expired as scheduled.
- 21-4123
- On October 19, Skagit County initiated a rescue for a stranded female hiker on Mount Erie and requested a helicopter with hoist which was coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted out.

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- 21-4132
- On October 20, The Yakima Police Department issued an Amber Alert for a 3-month-old male. On October 20, the Amber Alert was cancelled. The child and mother were located safely.
- 21-4141
- On October 20, the NWS issued a Special Weather Statement for a severe thunderstorm impacting Clark, Skamania and Cowlitz Counties in effect from 1411 until 1500 that day. The incident was closed when it expired as scheduled.
- 21-4163
- On October 22, the Colville Tribe initiated the removal of a vehicle from the Sanpoil River as part of a hazmat response and requested a Dive Team to assist which was coordinated with Stevens County.
- 21-4164
- On October 22, the NWS issued a High Wind Watch for the entire coast of Washington, Northern Inland Waters and the Strait of Juan De Fuca effective from the morning of October 24 through the morning of October 25. The Watch was changed to a Warning on October 23.
 - On October 22, the NWS issued a High Surf Warning and then a Coastal Flood Warning for the South Washington Coast effective the evening of October 24 through the morning of October 26.
 - On October 23, the NWS issued a High Wind Watch for the Foothills of the Blue Mountains effective late that night through the afternoon of October 24.
 - On October 23, the NWS issued a Gale Warning for the Northern Inland Waters and Admiralty Inlet effective midnight that night through the morning of October 26.
 - On October 23, the NWS issued a High Wind Warning for San Juan, Whatcom, and Skagit, Island and Jefferson Counties effective from the morning of October 24 through the morning of October 26.
 - On October 23, the NWS issued a High Wind Watch for the Northwest Blue Mountains effective late that night through the afternoon of October 24.
 - On October 23, the NWS issued a High Surf Warning for the North and Central Washington Coasts in effect from the afternoon of October 24 through the evening of October 25.
 - On October 23, the NWS issued a High Wind Warning for the Foothills of the Blue Mountain and Northwest Blue Mountain of Washington in effect from the morning of 24 October through that evening. The warning expired as scheduled.
 - On October 23, the NWS issued a High Wind Warning for the South Washington Coast in effect from the afternoon of October 24 through the morning of October 25. The warning expired as scheduled.
 - On October 24, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Ferry and Okanogan counties in effect from early that afternoon through that evening.
 - On October 24, the NWS issued a Coastal Flood Advisory for the North and Central Washington Coasts in effect from late that morning through that afternoon.
 - On October 24, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Chelan County in effect from early that afternoon through that evening.

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- On October 24, the NWS issued a Severe Thunderstorm Warning for Clark and Cowlitz Counties in effect from 1302 to 1330 that afternoon.
- On October 24, the NWS issued a Special Marine Warning for the South Washington Coastal waters in effect through that evening.
- On October 24, the NWS issued a Special Marine Warning for the Washington Coastal waters in effect through that evening.
- On October 25, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Skokomish River near Potlatch in Mason County in effect until further notice.
- On October 25, the NWS issued a Special Marine Warning for the Coastal Waters of Grays Harbor County in effect through 0900 that morning.
- On October 25, the NWS issued a High Surf Advisory for Pacific and Wahkiakum Counties in effect from that morning through the early morning of October 26.
- On October 26, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Okanogan and Chelan Counties in effect from late night on October 27 through late night on October 28. The Watch expired at 0500 on October 29.
- On October 26, the NWS issued a Flood Watch for Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties in effect from that afternoon through late night on October 28. The Watch was later extended to be in effect until 1100 on October 29
- On October 28, the NWS extended the Flood Watch for Chelan and Okanogan Counties now in effect through late night of October 28.
- On October 28, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the South Fork Nooksack River at Saxon Bridge (Whatcom County), Stillaguamish River at Arlington (Snohomish County), and Skykomish River near Gold Bar (Snohomish County) in effect that night through the afternoon of October 29.
- On October 28, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the South Fork Stillaguamish River Near Granite Falls affecting Snohomish County, Skagit River Near Concrete affecting Skagit County, Tolt River Above Carnation affecting King County, in effect from that evening through the early morning of October 30.
- On October 28, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Grays River near Rosburg affecting Wahkiakum County in effect from that evening to the early morning of October 30.
- On October 28, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Snoqualmie River Near Snoqualmie Falls affecting King County in effect until the morning of October 29.
- On October 28, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the North Fork Stillaguamish River Near Arlington affecting Snohomish County in effect from late that night to early afternoon on October 29. The Warning was cancelled early on October 29.
- On October 28, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Snoqualmie River Near Carnation affecting King County in effect from late that night to early afternoon of October 30.

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- On October 28, the NWS extended the Flood Warning for the Grays River near Rosburg affecting Wahkiakum County in effect through the morning of October 30.
- On October 28, the NWS extended the Flood Warning for the Skykomish River near Gold Bar affecting Snohomish County to be in effect until late the next evening.
- On October 28, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the South Fork Nooksack River at Saxon Bridge affecting Whatcom County.
- On October 29, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Nooksack River at Cedarville affecting Whatcom County in effect from early that morning through that afternoon.
- On October 29, the NWS extended the Flood Watch for Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties in effect through late that morning.
- On October 29, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Snohomish River Near Monroe affecting Snohomish County in effect until just after midnight that night.
- On October 29, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Snohomish River at Snohomish affecting Snohomish County in effect until early afternoon on October 30. The Warning was cancelled later that day.
- On October 29, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warnings for the Tolt River above Carnation affecting King County and the North Fork Stillaguamish River near Arlington affecting Snohomish County.
- On October 29, the NWS issued a Flood Warning for the Skagit River near Mt Vernon affecting Skagit County in effect from that morning to the evening of October 30.
- On October 29, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for South Fork Stillaguamish River near Granite Falls affecting Snohomish County.
- On October 29, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Nooksack River at North Cedarville.
- On October 29, the NWS cancelled the Flood Watch for Clallam, Grays Harbor, Jefferson, King, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom Counties.
- On October 29, the Flood Warning for Grays River near Rosburg affecting Wahkiakum County expired as scheduled.
- On October 29, the NWS cancelled the Skykomish River near Gold Bar and Stillaguamish River at Arlington affecting Snohomish County.
- On October 29, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warning for the Snohomish River Near Monroe affecting Snohomish County, the Skagit River Near Concrete affecting Skagit County and the Snoqualmie River Near Snoqualmie Falls affecting King County.
- On October 30, the NWS cancelled the Flood Warnings for the Snohomish River at Snohomish affecting Snohomish County, Skokomish River at Potlatch affecting Mason County, Skagit River near Mt Vernon affecting Skagit County, and Snoqualmie River near Carnation, ending this weather incident.

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- 21-4169
- On October 22, Grays Harbor County initiated a search for a missing mushroom picker off of Donkey Creek Road north of Humptulips. Air scent dogs were requested and coordinated with Kitsap County.
 - On October 23, Grays Harbor requested 4x4's to assist, which were coordinated with Thurston County.
 - On October 23, Grays Harbor requested ground searchers, which were coordinated with Kitsap, Thurston, and Mason Counties. All remaining resource requests were cancelled later that day and the mission was closed when the subject was located safe with no medical conditions.
- 21-4200
- On October 24, Klickitat County initiated a rescue of an individual who fell down an embankment at the Klickitat River and requested a helicopter with hoist, which was coordinated with the AFRCC. The request was later cancelled, and the mission closed when the subject was successfully rescued via boat.
- 21-4215
- On October 25, the Olympic National Park initiated a search for a 78-year-old male on Snoqualmie Mountain and requested coordination with Ground Searchers, Mountain Rescue, Search Dogs and the State Search and Rescue Planning unit. The request was coordinated with Kitsap, King, Pierce, and Clallam Counties.
 - On October 26, the Olympic National Park requested Mountain Rescue and Search Dogs. The request was coordinated with Pierce and Snohomish Counties.
 - On October 27, the Olympic National Park requested Mountain Rescue and Search Dogs for this incident for the next day. The request was coordinated with Pierce, King, Kitsap and Snohomish counties.
 - On October 28, Olympic National Park requested Mountain Rescue, Search Dogs and a Drone for October 29-31. The request was coordinated with Pierce, King, Kitsap, Snohomish, Clark, Skagit and Whatcom Counties.
 - On October 31, Olympic National Park made a "significant find" and wanted to concentrate in that area. Ground searchers and a dog were requested and coordinated with Kitsap, Pierce, and King Counties.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of October.**
- 21-4249
- On October 28, San Juan County initiated a medical evacuation for a 57-year-old male with Cardiac symptoms and requested a helicopter from NAS Whidbey. The request was coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was later closed when the subject was successfully airlifted to a hospital in Bellingham.
- 21-4255
- On October 28, San Juan County initiated a medical evacuation of a 65-year-old female suffering from angina and requested a helicopter from Whidbey Island Naval Base to assist. The request was coordinated with the AFRCC. The mission was closed later that day when the subject was successfully airlifted to Harborview Hospital.
- 21-4297
- On October 31, the Vancouver Police Department activated an Amber Alert for a 2-year-old Hispanic female. The Amber Alert was cancelled an hour later when both the suspect and subject were located.

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- 21-4309
 - On October 31, Olympic National Park initiated a search and rescue of three lost hikers near Lake Crescent at the Storm King Ranger Station. The Park requested Ground Searchers and Olympic Mountain Rescue to assist which were coordinated with Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties.
 - **This mission remained open as of the end of October.**
- 21-EX-0003
 - On October 26, the State EOC participated in the Annual Columbia Generating Station (CGS) Full Scale Exercise. The scenario included an Alerts level event at CGS.

SEOO Activity for the current month

132	Warnings issued to jurisdictions for imminent or occurring emergencies.
116	Warnings issued to tribal nations for imminent or occurring emergencies.
831	Notifications conducted to state and local agencies for imminent or occurring emergencies.
36	Resources coordinated for search, rescue, recovery and response operations.

Participated in 19 drills/exercises of which 13 were spill drills.

Conducted the following tests:

Test Conducted (see below for descriptions of each test)	Frequency of test	Number of tests completed this month	Total number of stations tested this month	Number of stations responding during tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center	Contact Success rate for those tests initiated by the Alert Warning Center
NAWAS - FEDERAL	Twice daily	62	0	0	0%
NAWAS - STATE	Twice daily	62	1890	1717	91%
STAEN	At least twice per month	2	26	3	12%
CEMNET	At least 3 per week	12	248	138	56%

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Dedicated phone line test for DOE	At least 1 per week	4	AHAB Siren test	At least 1 per month	1
Dedicated phone line test for CGS	At least 1 per week	5	King County 800 MHz Radio System tests	At least 1 per week	2
AHAB Daily Function status	1 per day	31			

Test information/definitions:

- NAWAS: National Warning System Tests (NAWAS) over the State and Federal circuits. NAWAS connects over 1,800 State and Federal jurisdictions and agencies on the Federal circuit and all counties, some agencies and some tribes on the State circuit. There are four tests a day, two state and two federal, testing 66 drops on two circuits. The number above reflects the four tests a day. Previously the number included the total number of stations contacted during those tests.
- DOE tests: Department of Energy Hanford Site has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- CGS tests: Columbia Generating Station has a dedicated phone and fax line into the EOC and they are tested at least weekly. Only the voice phone line numbers are reported here.
- AHAB: All Hazards Alert Broadcast System is tested daily through the daily function tests, which tests the functional capability of all coastal and Puget Sound siren systems. The voice and tone sirens are tested monthly. The AHAB Siren activates the coastal and Puget Sound voice and tone sirens during tsunami and other hazardous incidents.
- STAEN: The State Agency Emergency Network (STAEN) connects state agency via an 800 MHz radio system.
- CEMNET: Comprehensive Emergency Management Network radio connecting all counties and many cities.
- King County 800 MHz System connects the Alert and Warning Center with King County key emergency management and response organizations.