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SKAGIT VALLEY ROAD DAMAGED BY FLOOD

The high water in the Skagit River for the past week has caused a serious problem for the road crews in one place, and minor damage in several other places. The bad condition is near Hamilton, being a short distance west of Steen's service station, where the Skagit has cut away the river bank into the road. There is now only space for one-way traffic, and even this seems none too safe. The washout is about 200 feet long.

A pile driver is now working at this point, setting a row of piling along the river bank, after which a rock fill will be made. On account of the high water, this work is going ahead slowly and it will be several weeks before the road is in a safe condition again.

A similar condition exists near the Hooper place, between Rockport and Marblemount, but the narrow piece road there is much shorter, and there is not nearly so much traffic as between Concrete and Hamilton.

The Skagit River has been about at a standstill for the past week, falling a few inches. The river is still running bank full, but is considerably below flood range and so far has not proved dangerous. Unless unusual weather conditions appear within the next week or so, no further rise in the stream is expected.

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