

## Army Corps of Engineers reduces flood waters as much as 6 feet

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SEATTLE—This week's flood waters have been reduced by 3 to 6 feet by regulating the flows of five storage reservoirs as directed by the Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps' Reservoir Control Center in the Hydrology and Hydraulics Section worked with dam operations staff to regulate the Corps' Howard Hanson Dam (Green River) and Mud Mountain Dam (White River). The RCC also took over control of three dams owned by utilities for flood regulation: Wynoochee Dam (Tacoma Public Utilities), Ross Dam (Seattle City Light) and Upper Baker Dam (Puget Sound Energy).

As a result, Skagit River flooding in the Concrete area was reduced by 6 feet and by 4 feet in the Mount Vernon area. The unregulated flood would have caused extensive damage along the Skagit. Wynoochee River flooding near Montesano was reduced by 3 feet.

The Reservoir Control Center answers public inquiries regarding river levels at 206-764-6702.

The Corps' flood teams are assisting the town of Bucoda to repair a leaking levee and are exploring options with the county following a large landslide near Index.