



US Army Corps  
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Seattle District

# Special Public Notice

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Special processing procedures for NWS-2016-112; Jefferson County Public Works (Upper Hoh Rd MP 9.8-9.9 Emergency Repair)

**BACKGROUND:** Per 33 CFR 325.2(e)(4), Division engineers are authorized to approve special processing procedures in emergency situations. An “emergency” is a situation which would result in an unacceptable hazard to life, a significant loss of property, or an immediate, unforeseen, and significant economic hardship if corrective action requiring a permit is not undertaken within a time period less than the normal time needed to process the application under standard procedures. In emergency situations, the district engineer will explain the circumstances and recommend special procedures to the division engineer who will instruct the district engineer as to further processing of the application. Even in an emergency situation, reasonable efforts will be made to receive comments from interested Federal, state, and local agencies and the affected public. Also, notice of any special procedures authorized and their rationale is to be appropriately published as soon as practicable.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Special Public Notice is to publish the special processing procedures undertaken for the above-referenced project.

**EMERGENCY WORK:** Repair the road prism of the Upper Hoh Road. Below ordinary high water (OHW), for the length of approximately 325-linear feet, the repair would reestablish the 20-ft wide roadway, 8-foot shoulder, and a 1.75 Height:1 Vertical distance sloped revetment. The footprint would result in approximately 1,700 cubic yards of riprap over an area of 6,500 square feet (SF) from where OHW was situated on the bank prior to the erosion events. The total eroded footprint is approximately 13,000 to 16,250 SF. No culverts would be removed or repaired. The emergency work is depicted on the enclosed drawings dated March 13, 2025.

**DETERMINATION:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District (Seattle District) determined the proposed emergency work met the above definition of an “emergency” and coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Northwestern Division (NWD) Commander for approval to implement special processing procedures. On April 2, 2025, the NWD Commander approved use of special processing procedures.

**SPECIAL PROCESSING PROCEDURES:** The Seattle District shall:

1. Ensure only the minimal amount of work is proposed to remedy the emergency.
2. Notify appropriate resource agencies and Tribes for their recommendations to minimize impacts to be considered for possible inclusion in the emergency authorization.
3. Special conditions can be added to the emergency authorization to ensure impacts are minimized.
4. After emergency authorization is granted, Seattle District will publish a public notice of these procedures.
5. Additional coordination with agencies and tribes may occur as necessary to complete certain processes after the emergency authorization is granted.

On April 3, 2025, emergency authorization was granted to the applicant. Publication of this public notice is part of the special processing procedures.