

FLOOD NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Purpose of the Phone Notification System

The purpose of the Mason County flood notification system is to provide telephone notification to residents in both Kitsap and Mason counties in an event of flooding on the Union River. This phone system establishes a community-based emergency management program that enhances mitigation, supports planning, develops responsiveness, and ensures recovery as a result of disasters and emergencies through awareness and preparedness.

Background

Mason County is home to a number of water storage dams. Although these dams are considered safe by State Dam Safety officials, it is only prudent to provide downstream residents with information that could help them in the event of a dam-related emergency upstream of them.

In the event that one of these dams were to fail, there are several areas downstream that would experience flooding to some degree. One of these areas is the Union River Valley downstream of Casad Dam. Casad Dam is a well-built concrete arch structure that is regularly inspected and responsibly operated. It was built in the mid-1950s to store drinking water for the City of Bremerton, who owns and operates the dam. Recent engineering evaluations indicate the dam complies with current engineering standards in every way and its failure is extremely unlikely.

Emergency Planning

The City of Bremerton's Emergency Action Plan for the dam is regularly exercised. Personnel are trained on dam safety issues. The Washington State Dam Safety Office regularly inspects Casad Dam. Mason County maintains the telephone notification system for downstream residents of both Kitsap and Mason Counties.

Telephone Notification System

Mason County Division of Emergency Management operates an automated telephone notification system to notify residents of natural and human-caused disasters. To participate, residents must register with the system. In the event of a flooding emergency on the Union River, the phone system would be activated and your phone would be called with an automated message such as:

Flood Watch - Conditions are favorable for flooding. Stay tuned to local radio or television for updates. Make preparations as needed before flooding begins. Be prepared to move to a place of safety should flooding develop or a warning is issued.

Flood Warning - Flooding is expected, eminent, or in-progress. Take actions immediately to protect life and property. Any necessary evacuation information will be provided.

Please note that the automated phone system cannot be placed on hold or transferred. The person or machine answering the telephone will be given the message. A preamble will give a child time to get an adult to the phone.

Registration

To register with the system, you must be a resident or property owner downstream of the Union River in the area and complete a registration form provided by Mason County Division of Emergency Management.

Questions?

Contact the Mason County Division of Emergency Management at 360-427-7535 or write to:

Mason County
Division of Emergency Management
100 Public Works Drive
Shelton, WA 98584
Or visit: <http://www.co.mason.wa.us/dem/>

UNION RIVER TELEPHONE FLOOD NOTIFICATION REGISTRATION FORM

NAME

ADDRESS

PRIMARY NOTIFICATION NUMBER

ALTERNATE NOTIFICATION NUMBER

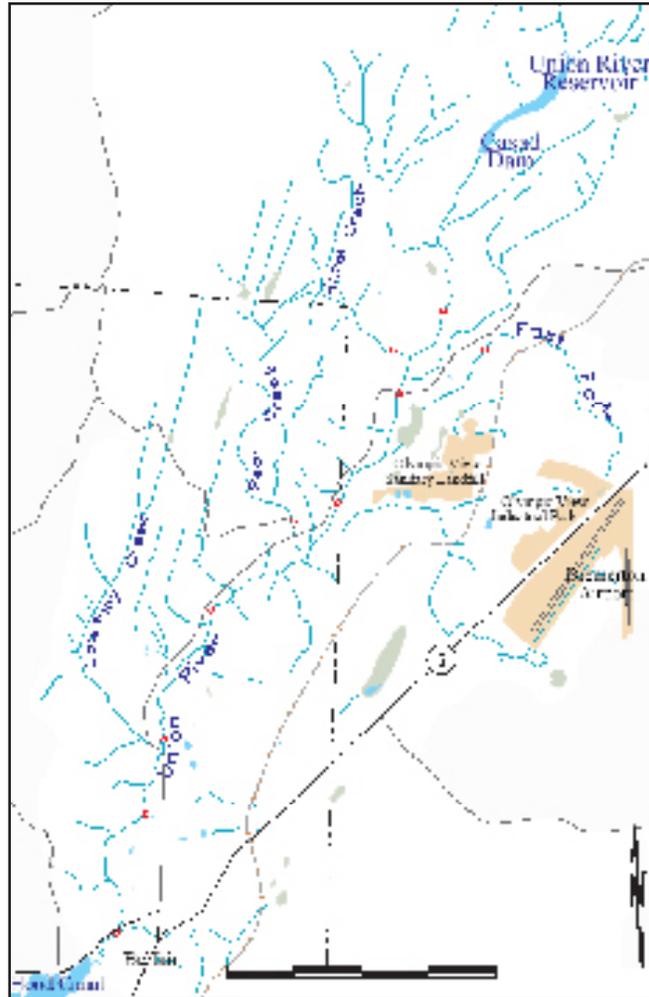
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DATE

Deliver or mail to: Mason County Division of Emergency Management, 410 W. Business Park Road, Sanderson Industrial Complex, Shelton, WA 98584, (360) 427-7535



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Union River and its tributaries.



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