

Road Closures and Landslide Warning Signs

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Montesano, WA - The Grays Harbor County Emergency Management Agency verifies road conditions prior to listing them as "reopened" so please be aware that [this list](#) may be updated/outdated at any time. Do NOT drive through water over a roadway. To view a complete list of roads closed in Grays Harbor County, please visit:

<http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/info/DEM/RoadClosures.asp> **Landslide Warning Signs (from the USGS)** Springs, seeps, or saturated ground in areas that have not typically been wet before. New cracks or unusual bulges in the ground, street pavements or sidewalks. Soil moving away from foundations. Ancillary structures such as decks and patios tilting and/or moving relative to the main house. Tilting or cracking of concrete floors and foundations. Broken water lines and other underground utilities. Leaning telephone poles, trees, retaining walls or fences. Offset fence lines. Sunken or down-dropped road beds. Rapid increase in creek water levels, possibly accompanied by increased turbidity (soil content). Sudden decrease in creek water levels though rain is still falling or just recently stopped. Sticking doors and windows, and visible open spaces indicating jambs and frames out of plumb. A faint rumbling sound that increases in volume is noticeable as the landslide nears. Unusual sounds, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together, might indicate moving debris. **Areas that are generally prone to landslide hazards** On existing old landslides. On or at the base of slopes. In or at the base of minor drainage hollows. At the base or top of an old fill slope. At the base or top of a steep cut slope. Developed hillsides where leach field septic systems are used. **Areas that are typically considered safe from landslides** On hard, non-jointed bedrock that has not moved in the past. On relatively flat-lying areas away from sudden changes in slope angle. At the top or along the nose of ridges, set back from the tops of slopes. **Landslide Warning Signs (from the USGS)** · Springs, seeps, or saturated ground in areas that have not typically been wet before. · New cracks or unusual bulges in the ground, street pavements or sidewalks. · Soil moving away from foundations. · Ancillary structures such as decks and patios tilting and/or moving relative to the main house. · Tilting or cracking of concrete floors and foundations. · Broken water lines and other underground utilities. · Leaning telephone poles, trees, retaining walls or fences. · Offset fence lines. · Sunken or down-dropped road beds. · Rapid increase in creek water levels, possibly accompanied by increased turbidity (soil content). · Sudden decrease in creek water levels though rain is still falling or just recently stopped. · Sticking doors and windows, and visible open spaces indicating jambs and frames out of plumb. · A faint rumbling sound that increases in volume is noticeable as the landslide nears. · Unusual sounds, such as trees cracking or boulders knocking together, might indicate moving debris. **Areas that are generally prone to landslide hazards** · On existing old landslides. · On or at the base of slopes. · In or at the base of minor drainage hollows. · At the base or top of an old fill slope. · At the base or top of a steep cut slope. · Developed hillsides where leach field septic systems are used. **Areas that are typically considered safe from landslides** · On hard, non-jointed bedrock that has not moved in the past. · On relatively flat-lying areas away from sudden changes in slope angle. · At the top or along the nose of ridges, set back from the tops of slopes.