High Wind Advisory, Then Watch, Monday - Strong Wind, Rain and Possible Flooding through Wednesday & Thursday

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MONTESANO, Wash. - The **National Weather Service in Seattle is tracking two extremely strong storm systems** approaching Western Washington. Although the model forecasts still have some variability as to track, timing and magnitude, the forecasters have alerted the Emergency Management Offices in the State of the possible impacts from these storms. The forecast office in Seattle has issued the following information: Monday - **A High Wind Advisory** is in effect until 9am Monday morning. **Sustained winds will be 35-39 mph, gusting 45-50 mph.** The wind event will subside in the late morning then pick up again as the evening arrives. **Rain will be very heavy** at times. Monday Evening – Tuesday Morning – A **High Wind Watch** will be in effect all night into Tuesday morning. **Sustained winds will be 35-45 mph, gusting to 60 mph along the coast. Gusts to 40 mph may be felt in East County. Rain will be very heavy**. The storm will impact the entire Washington Coast. Included with the storm will be very heavy rainfall. The Olympics and North Cascades may receive 4-7” of rain over the 2 day event. The Coast could see 3-5” of rain over the 2 day event. **A Flood Watch will be issued from Tuesday morning - Wednesday afternoon. A Flood Watch means that conditions are favorable for flooding but flooding is not imminent or occurring. All rivers in Western Washington are expected to rise from the storm. Flooding may become an issue on many rivers and streams. If flooding becomes an issue, it could continue into Thanksgiving.** Grays Harbor County Emergency Management is urging all residents to prepare for the severe weather events that have been forecast. Prepare for possible flooding on all rivers in the County. Please monitor your television and radio for information about the approaching storms. **When the strong winds and rain arrive, power outages are likely to occur. Do not approach fallen trees, branches or power lines. Check your generators. Do not use generators indoors. Do not refuel portable space heaters indoors. Never use your oven or barbeque grill to heat your home.** Grays Harbor County Emergency Management will be in direct contact with the National Weather Service to provide any alerting to our citizens as conditions become more certain.