



Mountain Snow Tuesday & Wednesday With Potential Impacts to Cascade Passes

Next Update By 4:00 PM, Tuesday, October 24th

KEY POINTS

- A disturbance is on track to bring widespread rain and mountain snow on Tuesday with precipitation possibly lingering into Wednesday.
- Coolest temperatures of the season thus far expected this week with the first freeze possible across most lowland locations Thursday into the weekend.

CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS BRIEFING

- First freeze of the year is possible across much of the western Washington lowlands from Thursday morning into the weekend.




WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

Risk levels incorporate potential impacts from weather hazards and likelihood of occurrence.

Mon 10/23	Tue 10/24	Wed 10/25	Thu 10/26	Fri 10/27	Sat 10/28	Sun 10/29
	Mountain Snow	Mountain Snow	First Freeze Possible	First Freeze Possible	First Freeze Possible	

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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DETAILS

Mountains	
 Snow	<p>Impacts: Snow-covered roads and minor travel delays are possible across the Cascade passes.</p> <p>Timing: Beginning Tuesday afternoon with snow showers possibly lingering into Wednesday.</p> <p>Confidence: Confidence is low in travel impacts due to warm road surface temperatures.</p> <p>Snow levels will lower to around 2,000 to 3,000 feet area wide on Tuesday afternoon, possibly 1,500 feet Tuesday night for the North Cascades.</p>
 Cold	<p>Impacts: Cold temperatures may impact vulnerable populations such as the homeless and those without adequate access to heating. First freeze of the year will bring the end to the growing season.</p> <p>Timing: The incoming system will bring much cooler temperatures by Thursday morning. Many lowland locations outside of the immediate Seattle metro area are likely to see their first freeze of the year Thursday or Friday. Temperatures could fall a bit more Saturday morning, bringing overnight lows below freezing into portions of the metro area.</p>
 Wind	<p>Impacts: Winds are generally not expected to play a major factor with this event. However, some northeast wind gusts of 25-35 mph are expected across western Whatcom County. There is a 10% chance of gusts in the 35-45 mph range there Tuesday evening into Wednesday morning. This could cause localized tree damage and power outages.</p>

- Monday

- Scattered showers and a convergence zone are in the forecast for Monday-Monday night with snow levels around 3,000 to 4,000 feet.
- **Tuesday & Wednesday**
 - Widespread lowland rain and mountain snow (including the Cascade passes) begins on Tuesday. Precipitation is expected to decrease in intensity mid-day Wednesday.
 - With relatively warm road temperatures in place significant accumulation is not likely for areas below 3,000 ft but the potential will continue to be monitored.
- **Thursday & Beyond**
 - Below normal temperatures are favorable along with continued rain showers (snow showers for the mountains).
 - The first freeze of the year is possible across much of the western Washington lowlands from Thursday morning into the weekend.

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