



## Mountain Snow Wednesday night, Lowland Snow Possible Friday night into Saturday

Next Update by 4:00 PM, Wednesday, December 7th, 2022

### KEY POINTS

- Frontal system will bring widespread rain and mountain snow Wednesday and Thursday with windy conditions expected in the north.
- A secondary system Friday night into Saturday will bring cooler air that will allow for potential accumulating lowland snow.

### WEATHER RISK OUTLOOK

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

Tue 12/6	Wed 12/7	Thu 12/8	Fri 12/9	Sat 12/10	Sun 12/11	Mon 12/12
Cold and dry	Rain and Mountain Snow, Breezy	Rain and Mountain Snow, Breezy	Rain becoming Snow Late	Snow AM becoming Rain PM	Rain/Snow mix AM, Rain PM	Rain and Snow

Risk Levels	Little to None	Minor	Moderate	Major	Extreme
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### DETAILS

#### Mountains



**Impacts:**

Snow-covered roads and travel delays possible across the Cascade passes.

**Timing:**

Snow from the first front is expected to begin Wednesday night and continue through Thursday morning before tapering off. Snowfall from the secondary front is expected to start Friday evening and persist into Saturday morning.

**Confidence:**

Wed/Thu system: Confidence is high on occurrence, moderate on amounts.

Fri/Sat system: Confidence is low to moderate on occurrence, low on amounts.

A Winter Weather Advisory will be in effect for the Cascades from 10 PM Wednesday night through 10 AM Thursday morning. Avalanche danger will steadily increase throughout the week. See attached graphics for expected snowfall amounts.

## Lowlands

**Impacts:**

Gusty winds may result in unsecured objects being blown around as well as some fallen tree limbs. Isolated power outages may also occur.

**Timing:**

Winds will increase Wednesday night but the highest wind speeds are expected to be very early Thursday morning before gradually decreasing throughout the remainder of the morning.

**Confidence:**

Confidence is high on timing, moderate on speeds.

A Wind Advisory will be in effect from 10 PM Wednesday night through 10 AM Thursday morning for Western Whatcom County, the San Juans and the Admiralty Inlet area. While an occasional gust or breezes may affect nearby areas, no other headline worthy wind speeds are expected.

**Impacts:**

Lowland snow accumulations possible on primary and secondary roadways resulting in travel delays. Road closures possible.

**Timing:**

Friday night into Saturday morning

**Confidence:**

Confidence is low at this time.

Forecast models are suggesting a secondary frontal system may cool conditions enough for lowland snow accumulations to be possible. While their confidence borders on moderate for northern portions of the area, such as Western Whatcom County, confidence is generally low elsewhere at this time. Please refer to the attached graphics for a more detailed breakdown.

- **Wednesday Night through Thursday Morning**
  - **Incoming frontal system will bring valley rain/mountain snow and some increased winds to the area.**
    - **Snowfall accumulations above 1500 feet of up to 8 inches are expected in the Cascades passes.**
    - **Southeast winds 20 to 35 mph with gusts up to 45 mph are expected in Western Whatcom County, the San Juans and the Admiralty Inlet area.**
- **Friday Night through Saturday Morning**
  - **Secondary frontal system will cool temperatures low enough to make accumulating lowland snow possible.**
    - **Rain may transition to snow late Friday evening with snow possible overnight.**
    - **Lowland accumulations of generally less than an inch although some locations may see more. Confidence is currently low.**

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