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**TO: KMAS, KRXY, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, THE OLYMPIAN,
SHELTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NORTH MASON CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE, CITY OF SHELTON, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, THE
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RE: TAHUYA RIVER ROAD REOPENED

On October 20, 2003 the record breaking rainfall caused much damage to the road system throughout Mason County. The Public Works Department immediately took actions to protect the public in areas where the damage caused traffic safety hazards. Tahuya River Road was one of three roads washed out by the storm and closed by the County.

A geotechnical evaluation of the failure was performed and a design and estimate for repair of the bank and road was submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) for approval. FEMA approved \$107,691.74 of funding for the repair in August 2004.

The project was bid in September and the successful bidder completed the work on October 25, 2004. The County reopened the road on Tuesday October 26, 2004.

For additional information, please contact the Public Works Department office at (360) 427 9670 Ext. 450 or from Belfair at (360) 275-4467 Ext. 450.

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