

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR AMENDING PROCLAMATION 21-12

## 21-12.1

## **WSDOT Heat Damage**

WHEREAS, beginning June 24, 2021, Washington State experienced an unprecedented heat event, with excessive heat causing damage to road infrastructure in Adams, Asotin, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, King, Kittitas, Okanagan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima Counties; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented heat caused failures to concrete panels, bridge expansion joints, and asphalt, as well as electrical damage requiring repairs over a large geographic area; and

WHEREAS, the damage affects the transportation network and the people who depend on it throughout wide areas of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage to affected roadways to alleviate impacts to public safety exceeds \$2,600,000; and

WHEREAS, in response to this unprecedented heat event, on July 16, 2021, I issued Proclamation 21-12, proclaiming a state of emergency in Adams, Asotin, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, King, Kittitas, Okanagan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima Counties due to the above-described heat related damage to transportation infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the unprecedented heat beginning on June 24, 2021, also caused damage to asphalt requiring repairs in Chelan County; and

WHEREAS, the damage affects the transportation network and the people who depend on it in Chelan County; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost to repair the damage to affected roadways to alleviate impacts to public safety in Chelan County is estimated at \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources to repair the roadway and is working to implement repairs; and

WHEREAS, the roadway damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, all of

which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation involving heat-related damage to transportation infrastructure, and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency continues to exists in Adams, Asotin, Clark, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, King, Kittitas, Okanagan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Whatcom, Whitman, and Yakima Counties in the state of Washington, and amend Proclamation 21-12 to extend it and the state of emergency to include Chelan County for the above-stated reasons, and I continue to direct the plans and procedures in the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the incident.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 1st day of September A.D., Two Thousand and twenty-one at Olympia, Washington.

	By:	
	Jay Inslee, Governor	
BY THE GOVERNOR:		
/s/ Secretary of State		
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