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FLOOD WATERS IN SKAGIT SHUTS OFF TRAVEL UP RIVER

All Ferries Stop Running As River Reaches High Mark – Water Now Falling

The residents of the upper Skagit valley have been shut off from highway travel for almost a week now and while conditions now seem more favorable, it will probably be several days yet before autos will be able to travel over the roads from Concrete east. At the present time, persons in the up river communities who want to come to Concrete either have to take the train or else drive to Van Horn and walk down.

The heavy rains last Thursday and Friday raised the Skagit to flood stage and by Friday night the Concrete and Van Horn ferries were unable to cross, closing the detour. The river fell a little Monday and hopes were entertained that the road would soon be open again, but the downpour all day Tuesday brought the river up again until it was several feet above the former mark. Yesterday it was reported that all the ferries above here had stopped running. With the rain apparently at an end, the river began dropping slowly yesterday afternoon. However, it is believed that the ferry landing on the south side of the Skagit at the Concrete ferry is washed out, and it may take a few days to rebuild this. The work will be rushed as soon as the water is low enough, and is it hoped to have the ferry in operation again in a few days.

The school bus has been unable to operate this week, but most of the upriver youngsters have been attending school,

coming as far as Van Horn on the bus and then walking the rest of the distance.

The water in the Skagit did not get high enough to interfere with down river travel, nor was any damage done beyond shutting down the ferry service. No signs of high water in the Baker River was noticeable, the Baker river dam holding the flood waters back, but water was flowing over the top of the dam yesterday for the first time in about a year.