

# **Chehalis River Basin Hydraulic Modeling and Flood Relief Alternatives Evaluation**

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# Overview of Today's Discussion

## Evaluation of potential flood relief projects

- Upstream retention on mainstem Chehalis (w and w/out levee)
- Corps Twin Cities Project
- WSDOT I-5 flood protection project
- Mellen Street Bypass
- Channel Dredging (Mellen Street to Lincoln Creek Confluence)
- Complete Bridge Replacement Option
- Specific Bridge Replacements
  - Highway 6
  - Mellen Street
  - Galvin Road
  - Sickman Ford

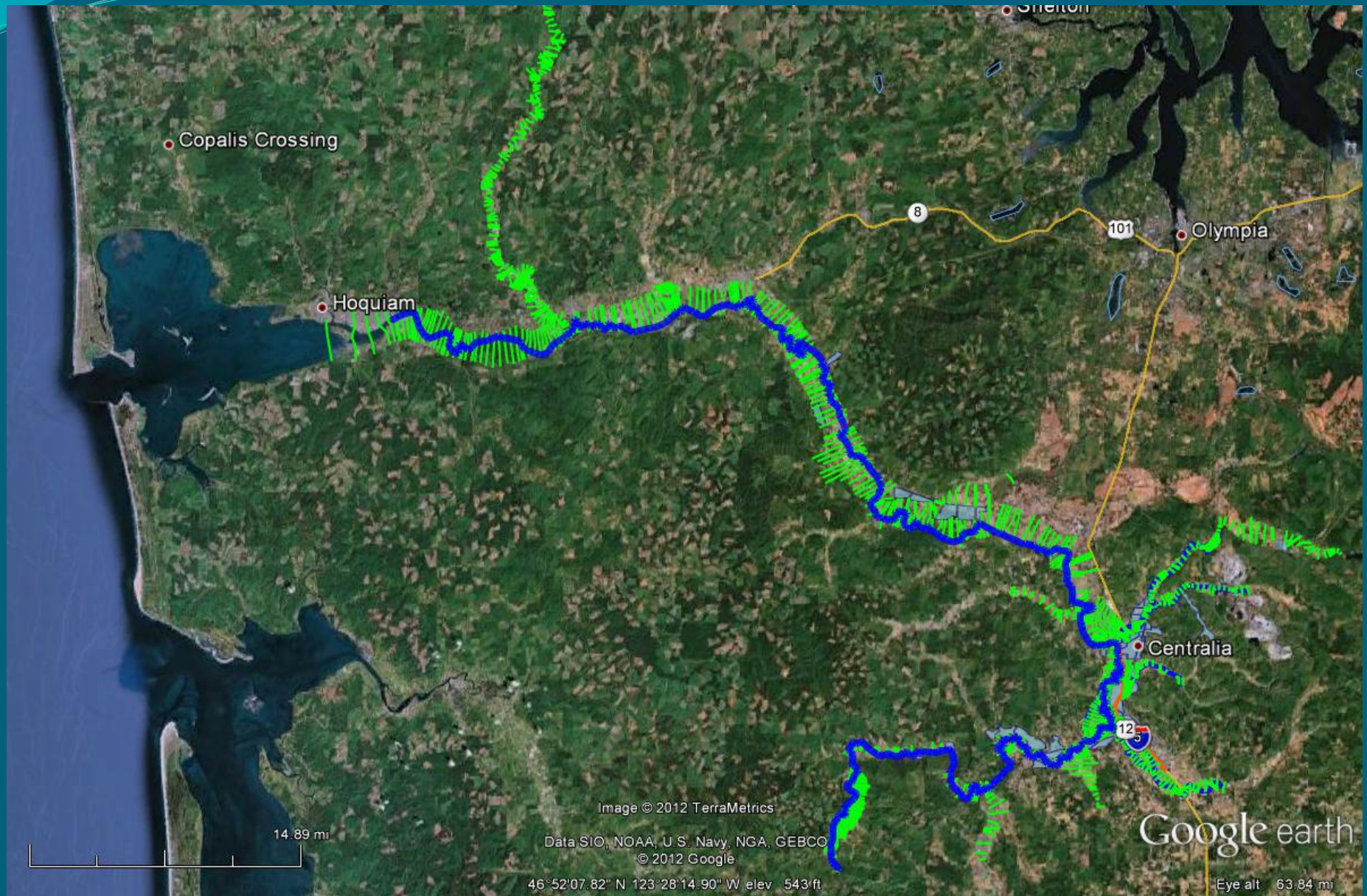
## Questions and next steps

# Preliminary Data Subject to Change

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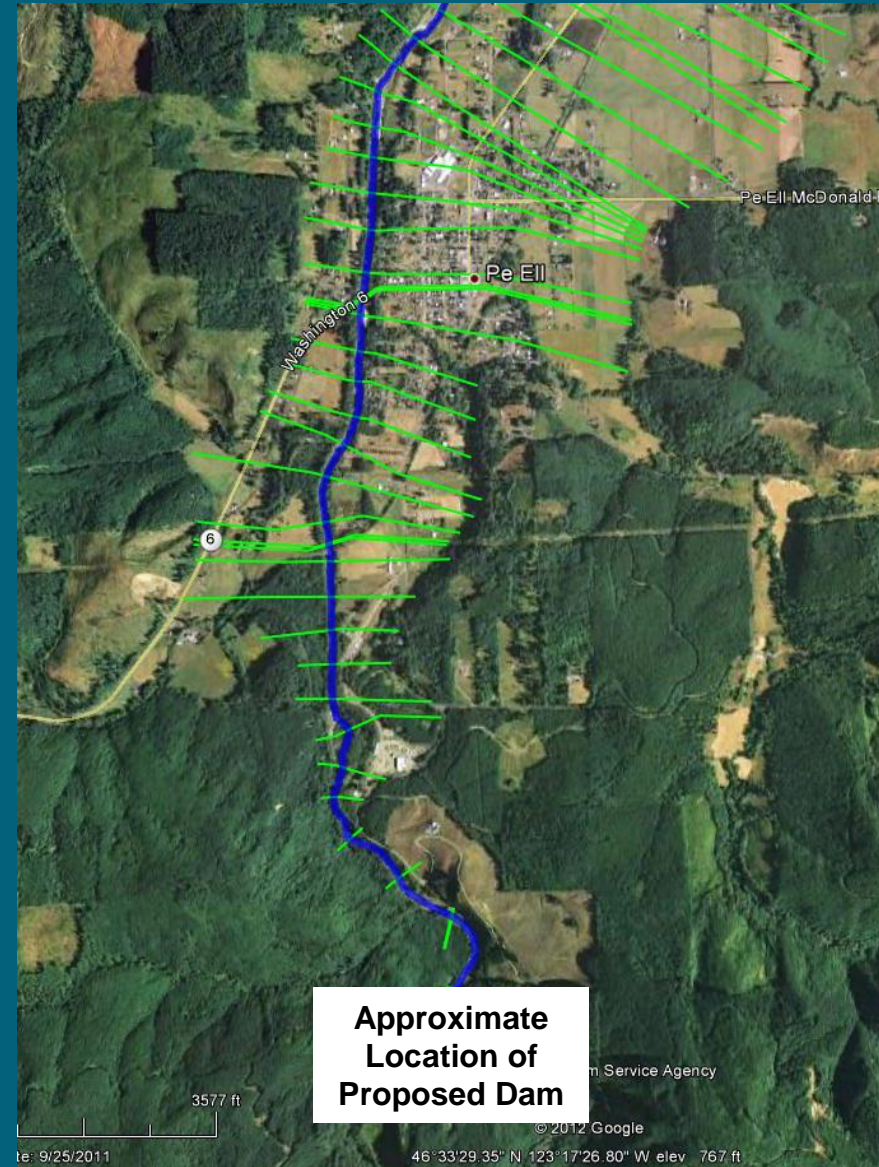
# Model Extents





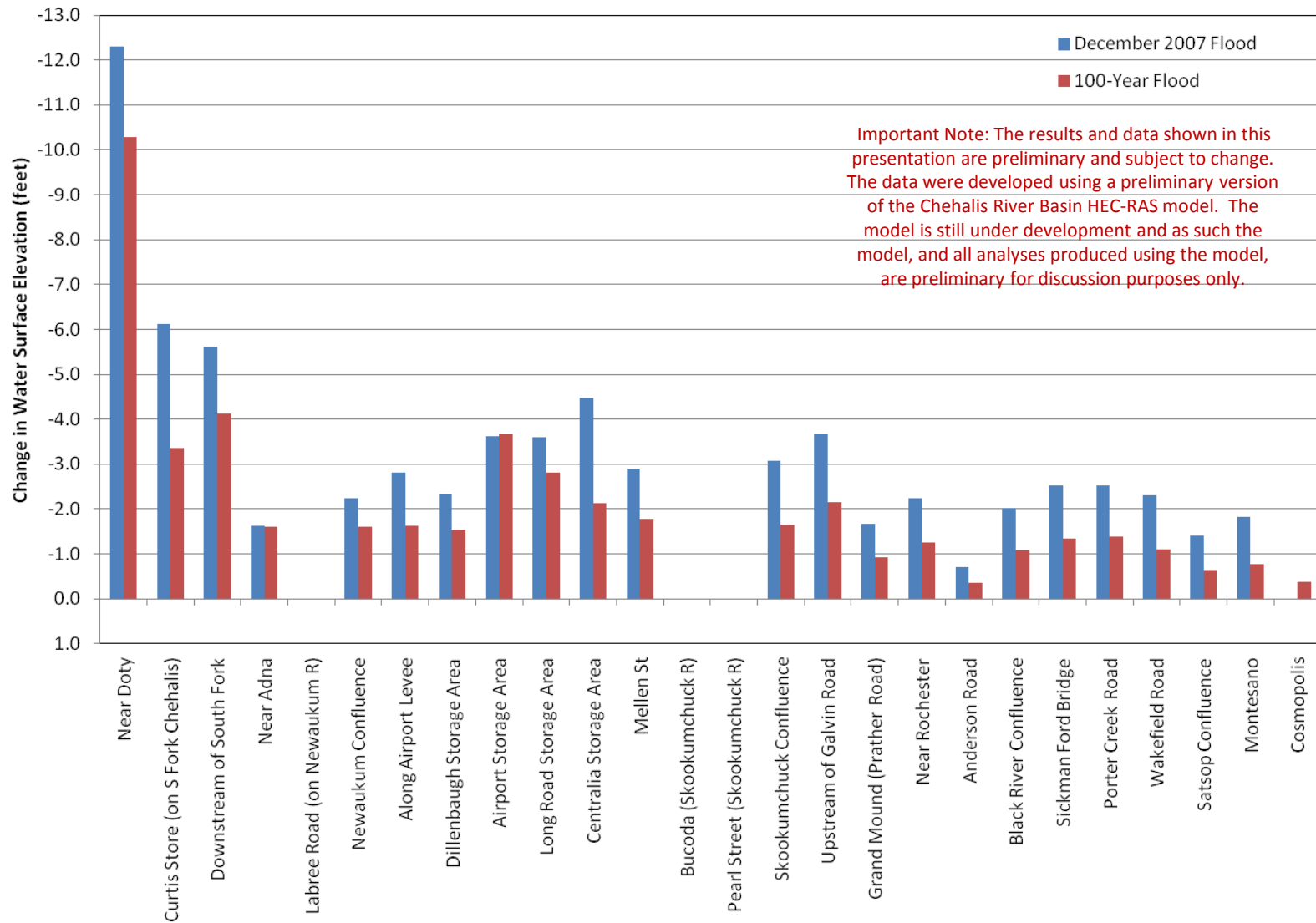
# Upstream Dam on Chehalis River

- Upstream of Pe Ell
- 80,000 acre feet of dedicated flood control storage
- Assumed to have little or no outflow during flood
- Can fully capture 100-year or December 2007 flood



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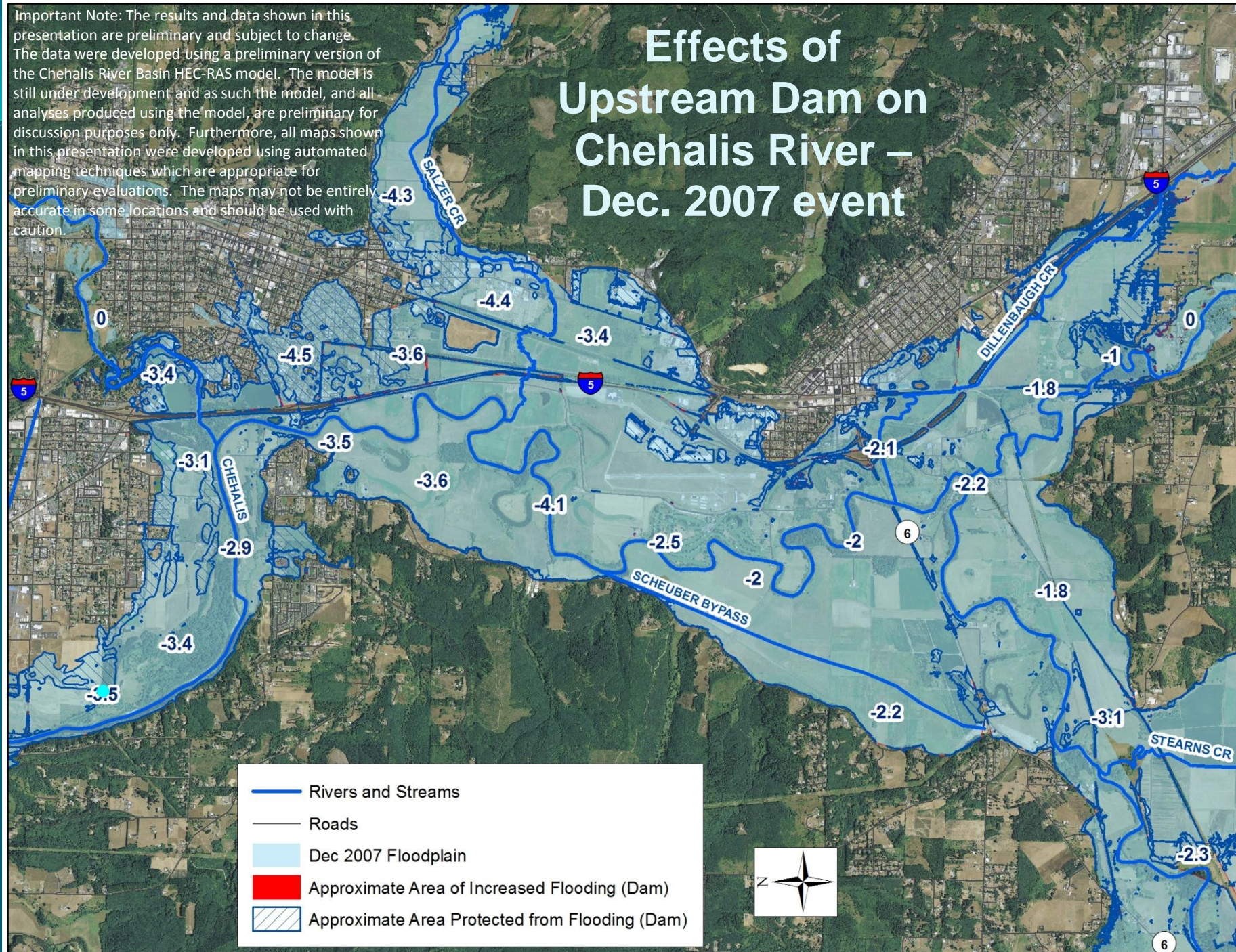
## Effects of Potential Flood Relief Alternative





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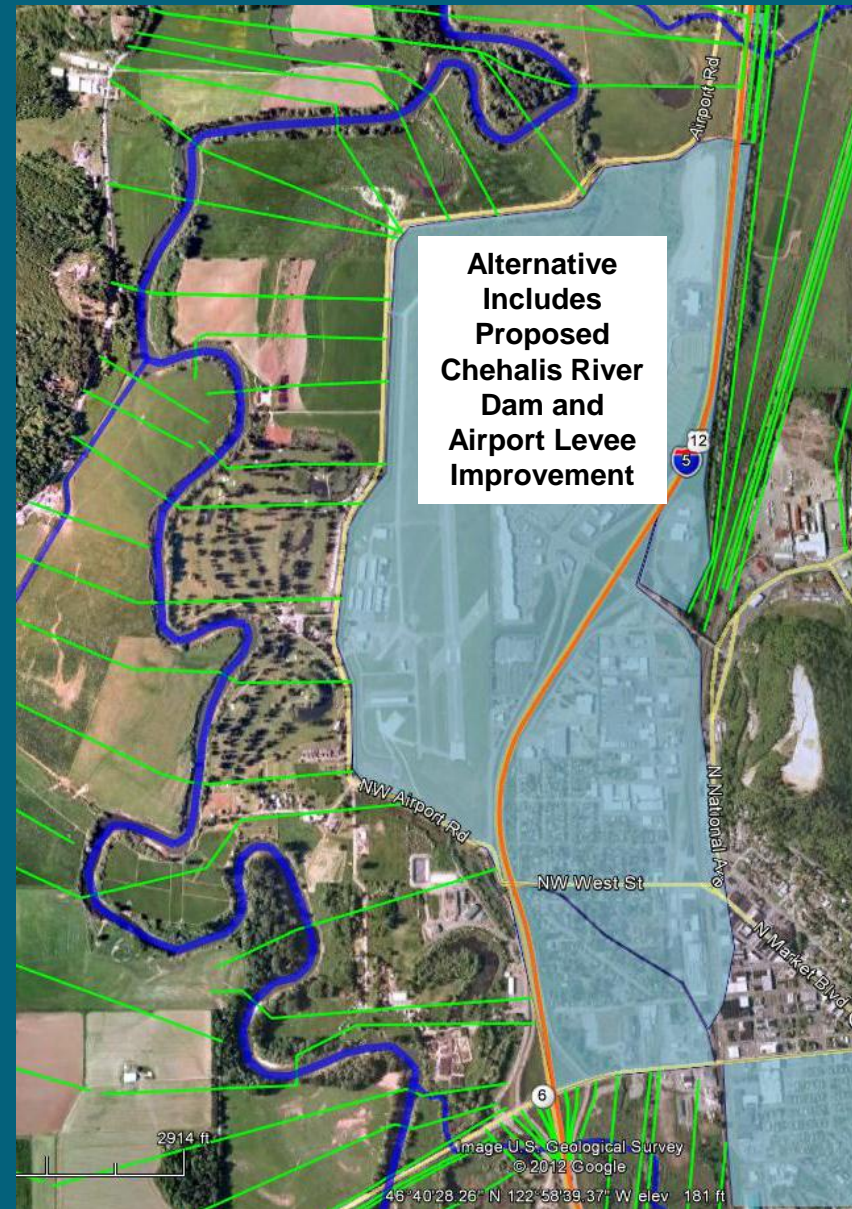
# Effects of Upstream Dam on Chehalis River – Dec. 2007 event





# Upstream Dam on Chehalis River Plus Levee

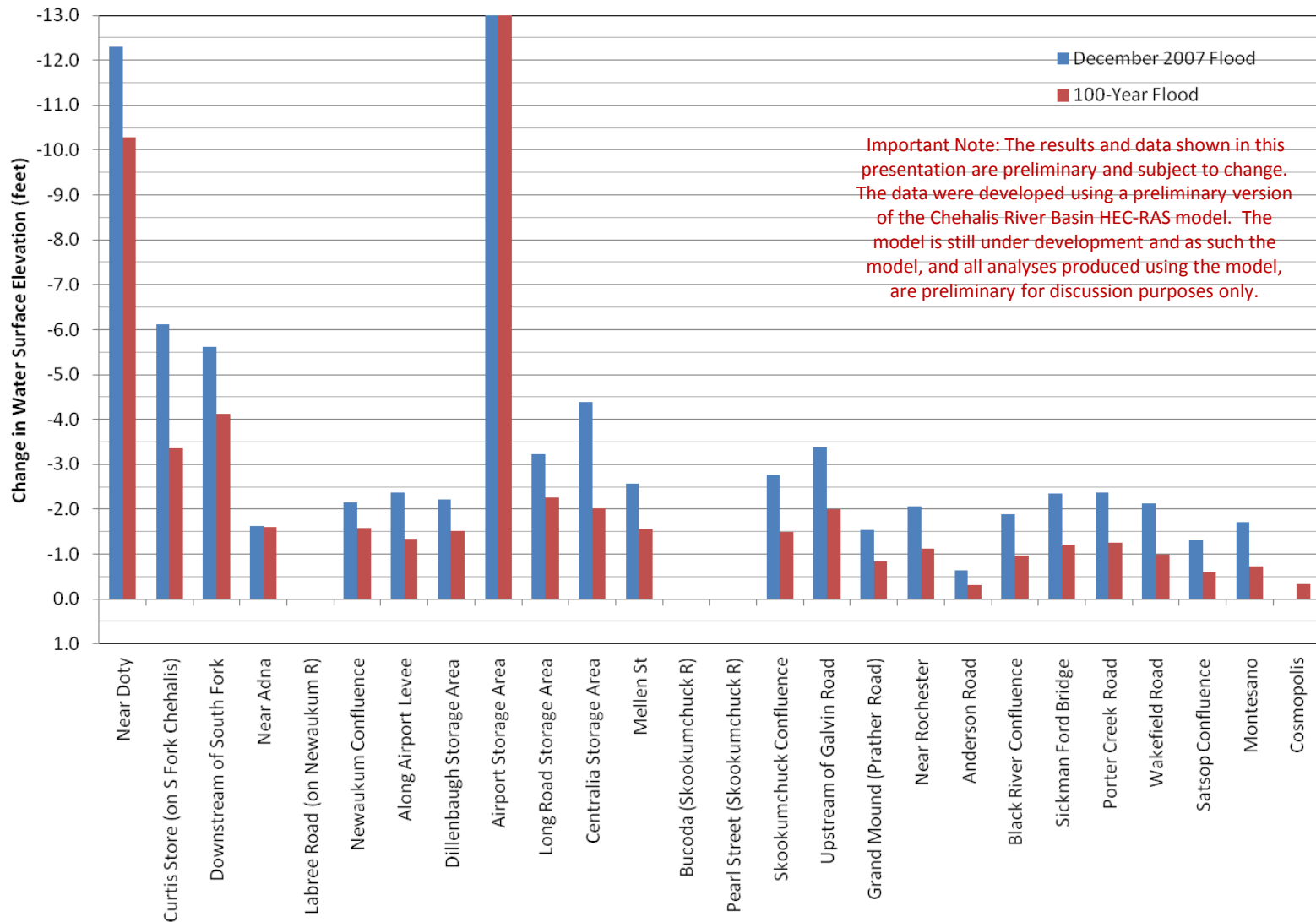
- Includes Dam on Mainstem Chehalis River (same as earlier alternative)
- Add Airport levee raise





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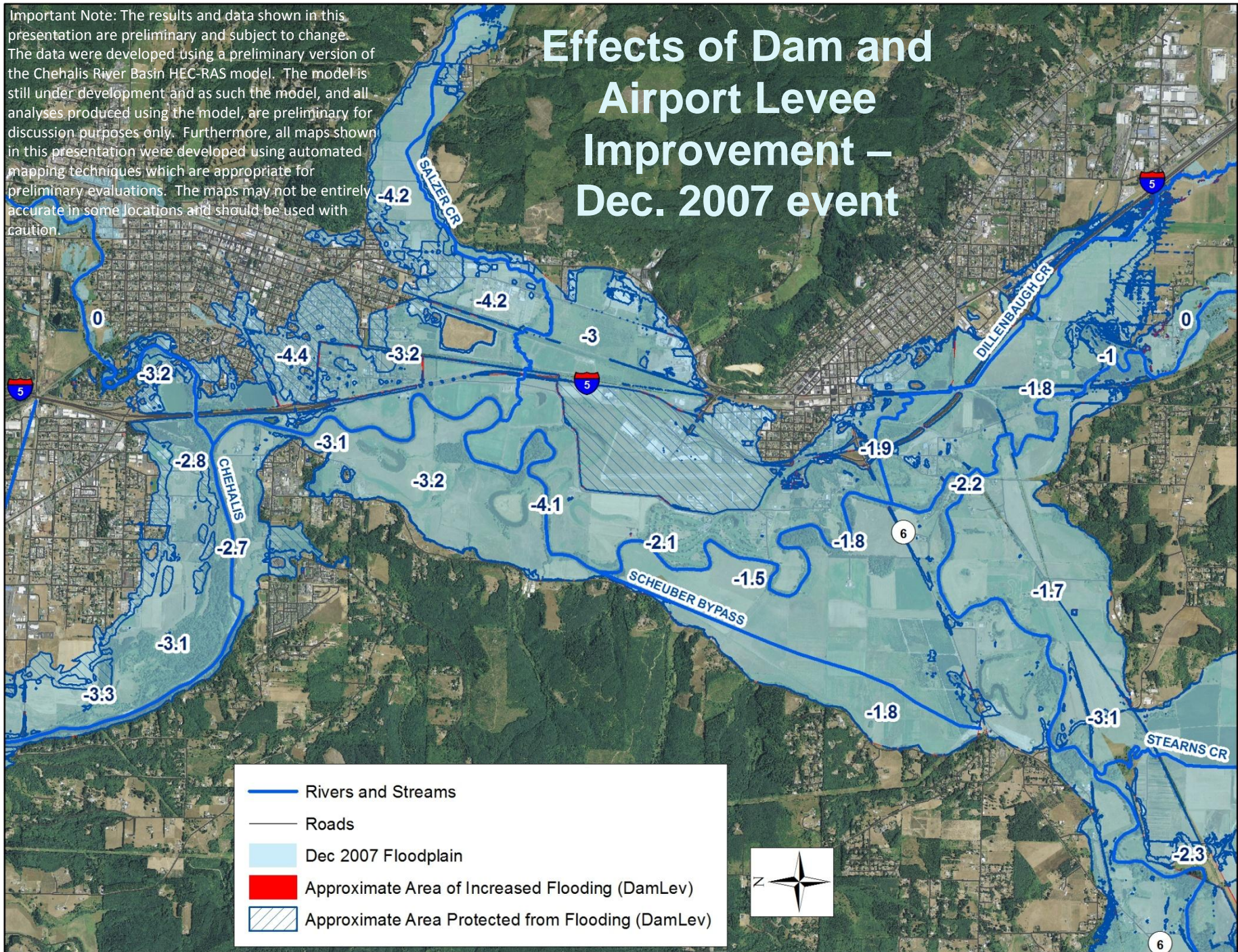
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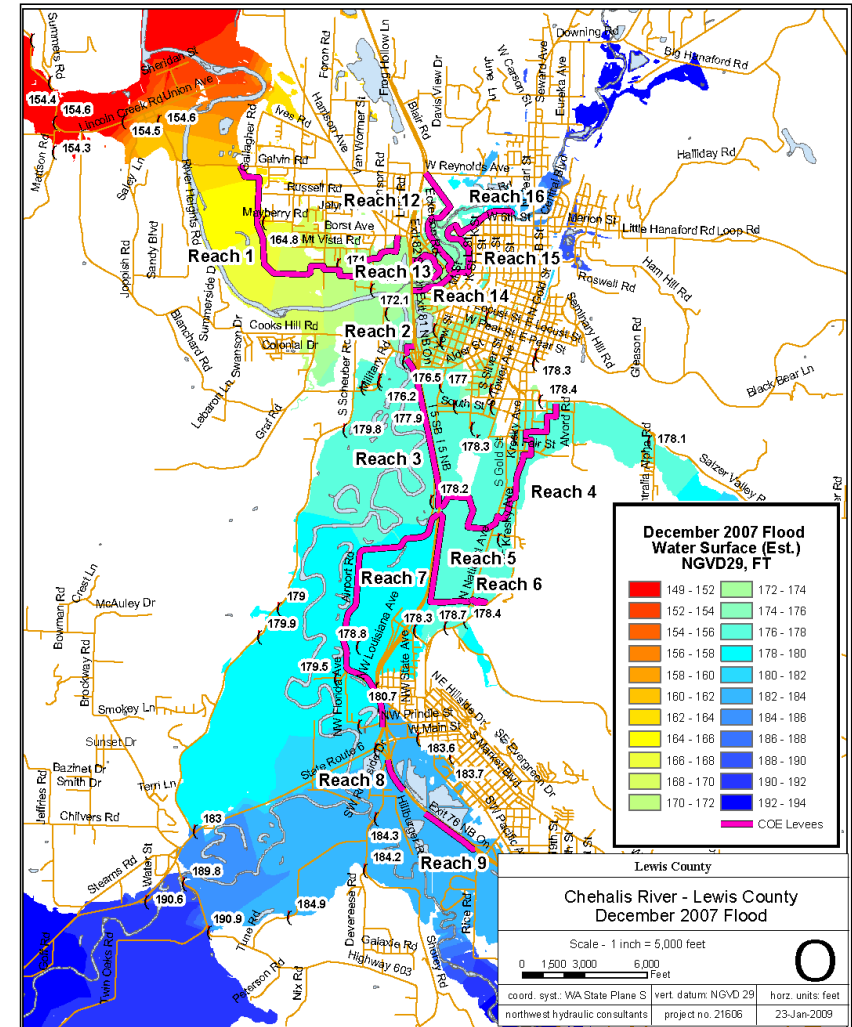
# Effects of Dam and Airport Levee Improvement – Dec. 2007 event





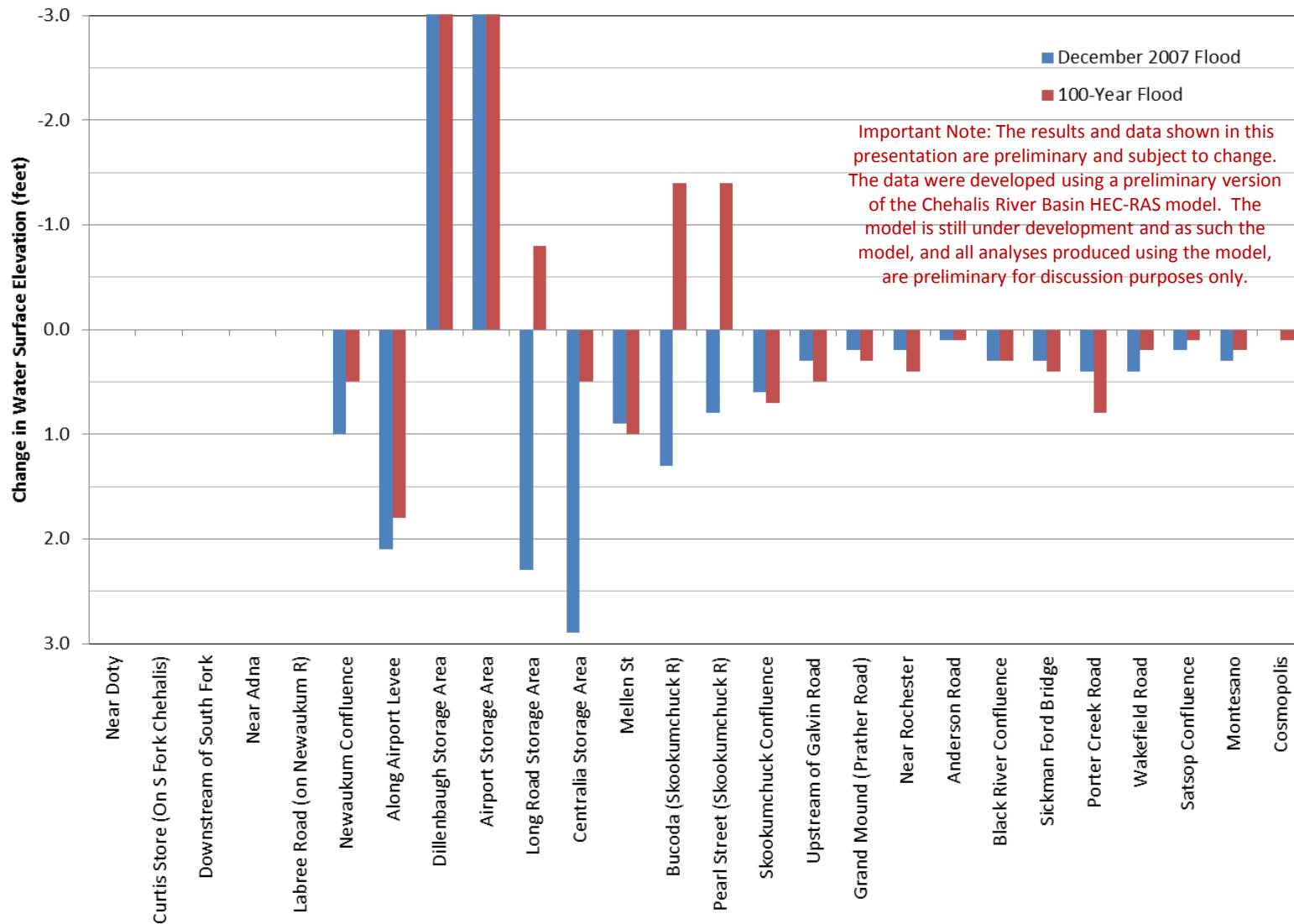
# Corps Twin Cities Project

- Series of new or expanded levees, primarily near Centralia and Chehalis
- Reoperation of existing Skookumchuck Dam
- 11,000 acre feet of flood control storage



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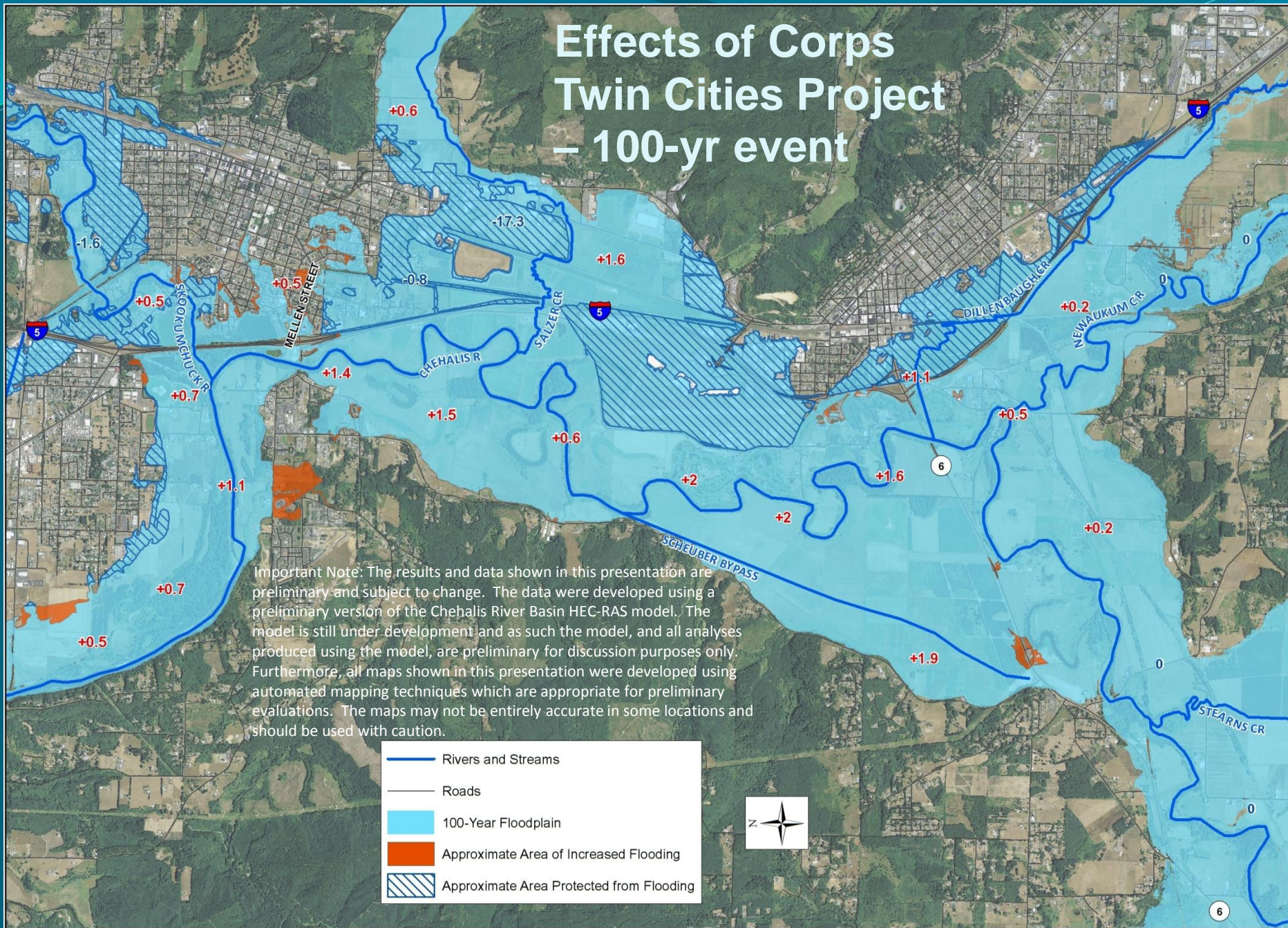
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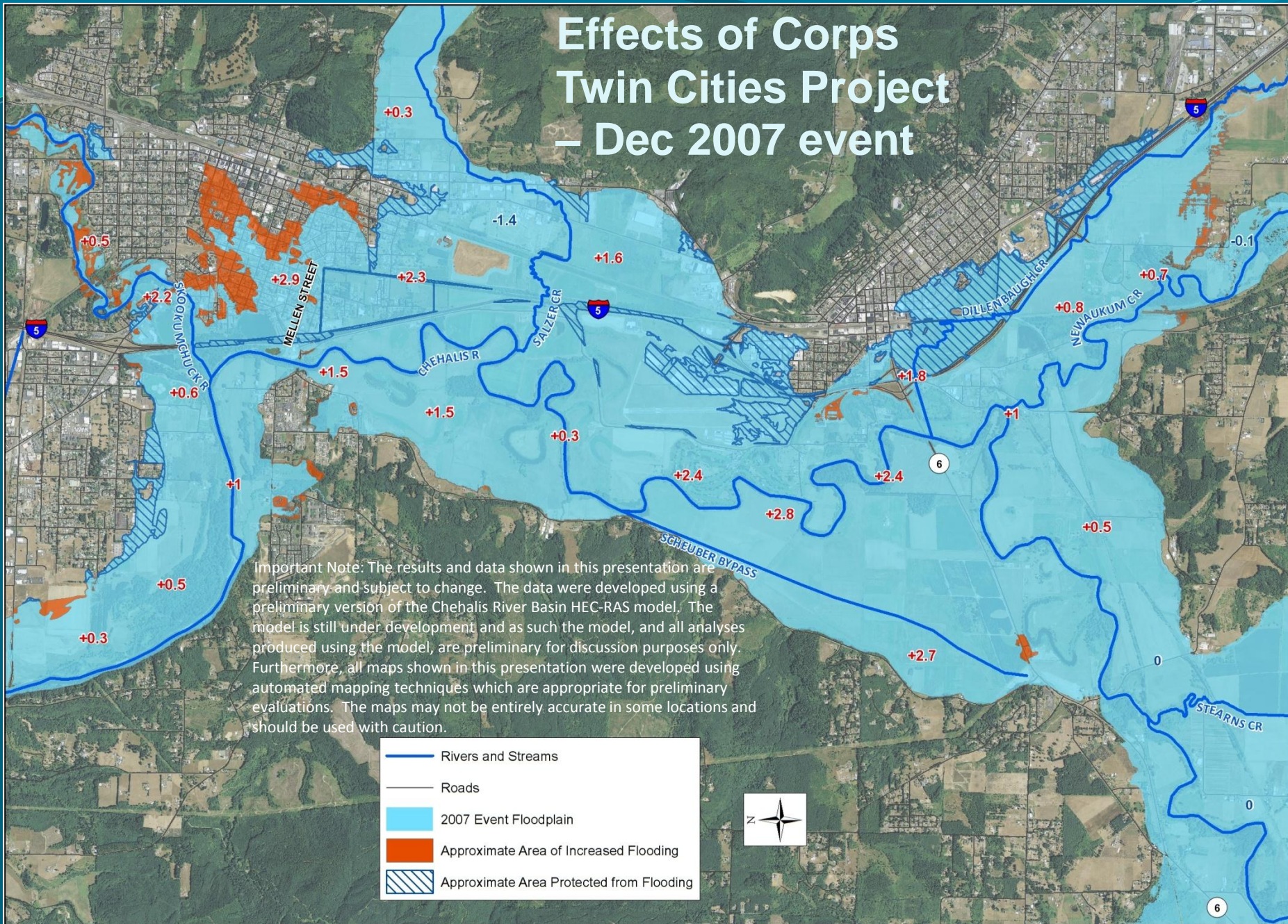
An aerial photograph of a river, likely the Mississippi River, flowing through a landscape with green fields and some urban development. The text is overlaid on the top left portion of the image.

# Effects of Corps Twin Cities Project – 100-yr event





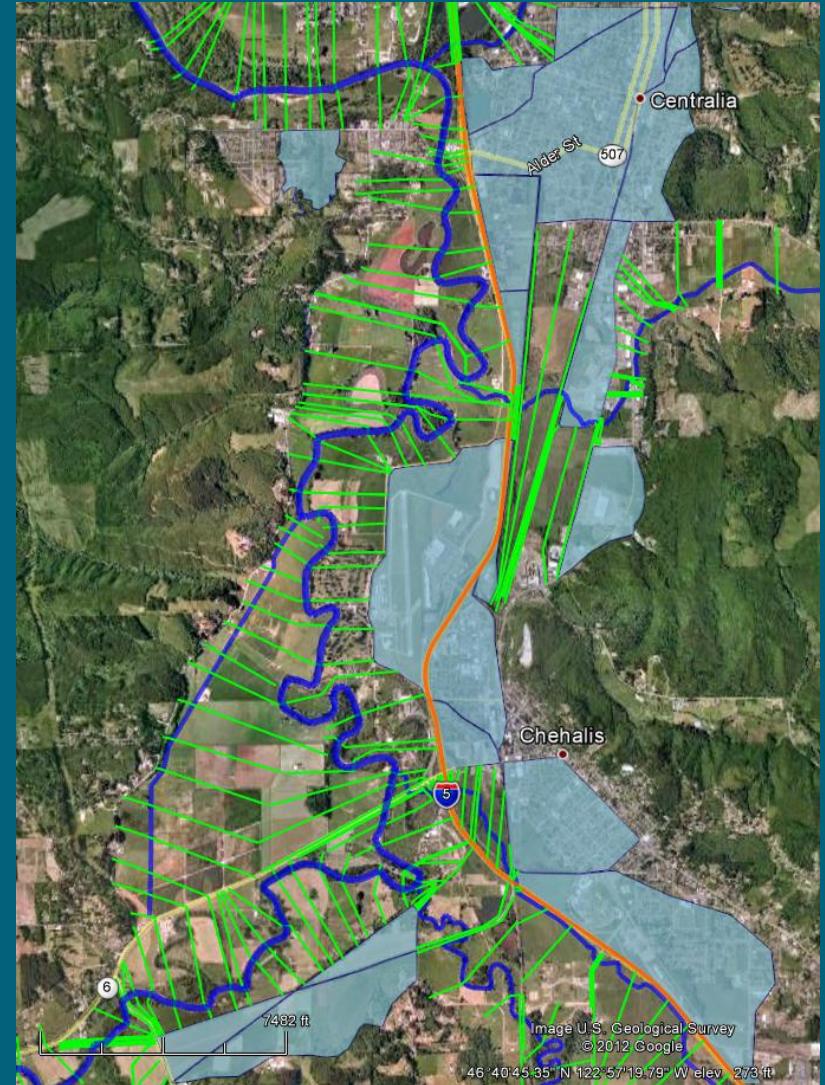
# Effects of Corps Twin Cities Project – Dec 2007 event





# WSDOT I-5 Protection Project

- Isolation (flood proofing) I-5 via levee or floodwalls
- Consider with and without Airport levee raise
- 2012 MTB Project is part of baseline model



# WSDOT I-5 Protection Project

WSDOT and it's  
consultant will be  
producing and presenting  
results for this alternative  
at a later date



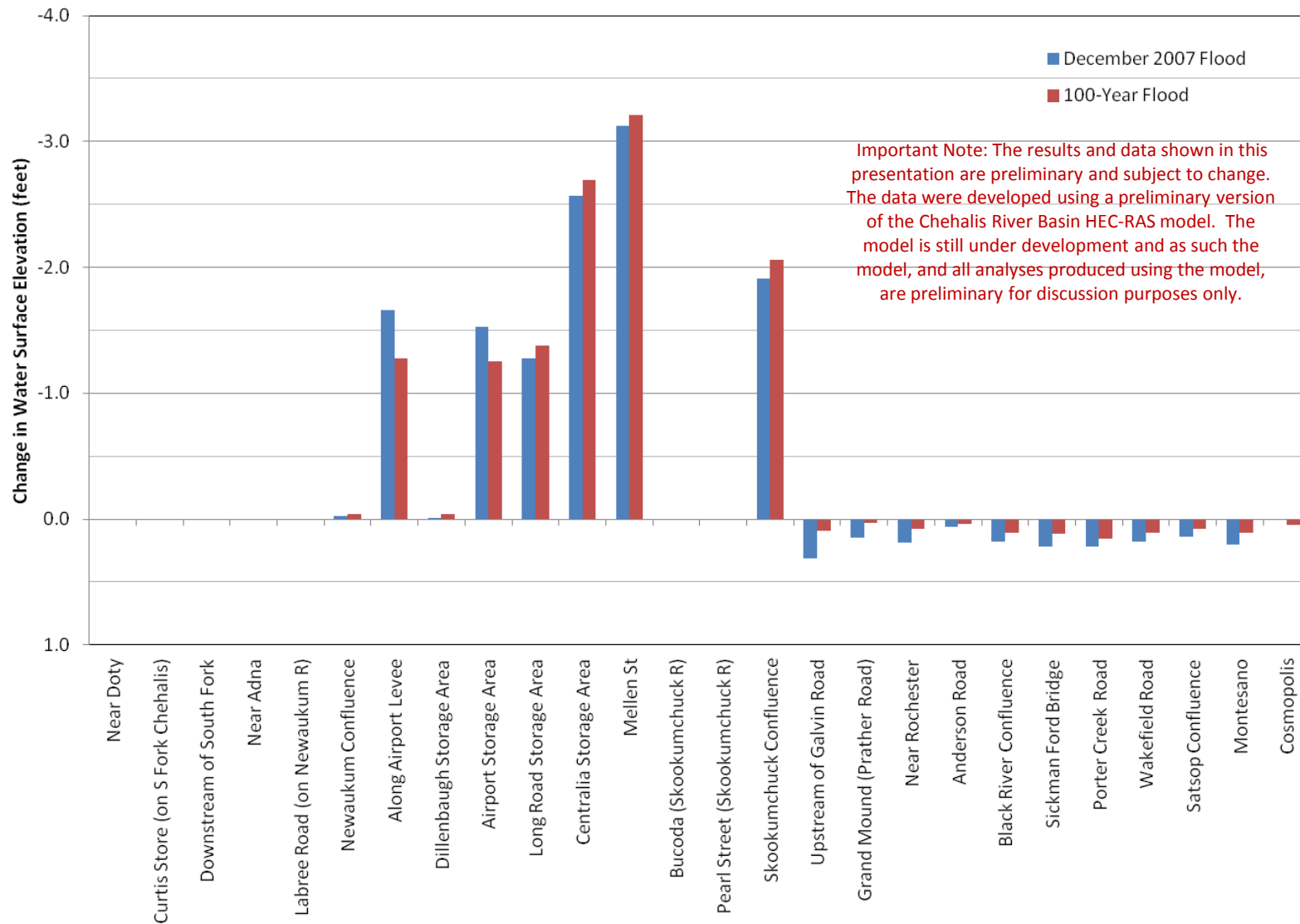
# Mellen Street Bypass

- Flood Bypass on left bank
- Bypass Mellen Street Bridge and Skookumchuck Confluence
- 700-foot wide, 10-foot deep high flow channel
- Very Preliminary Evaluation Only



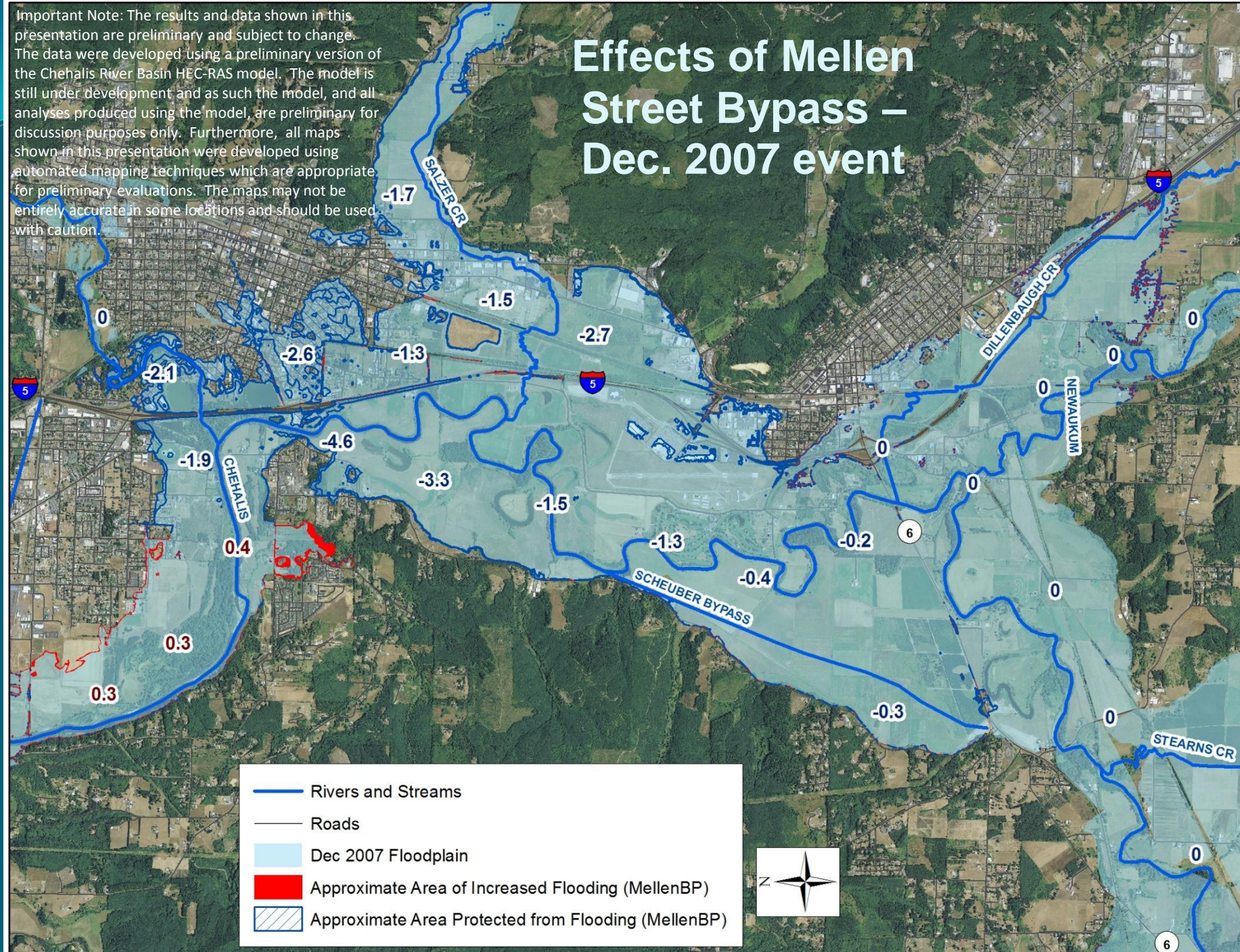
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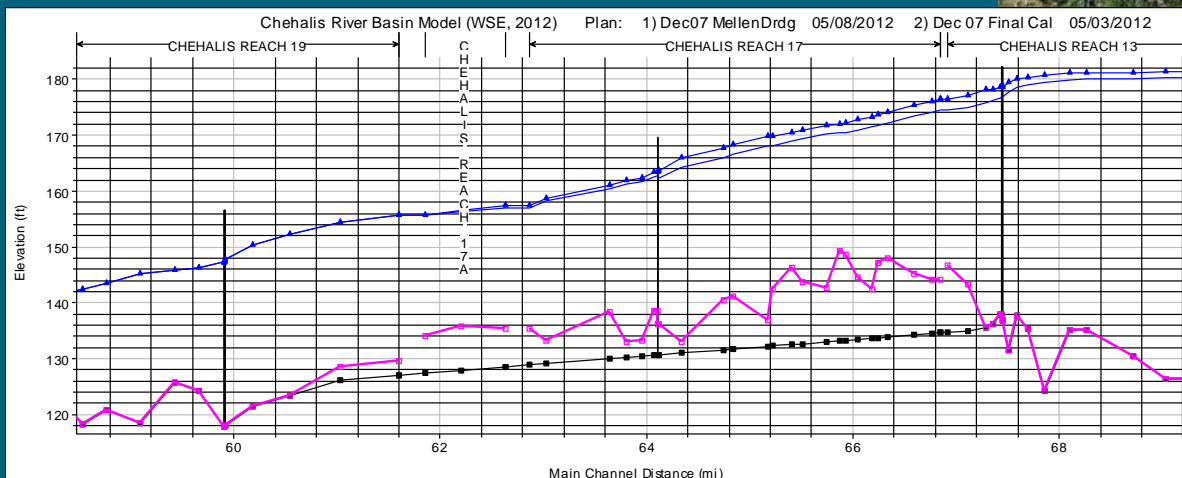
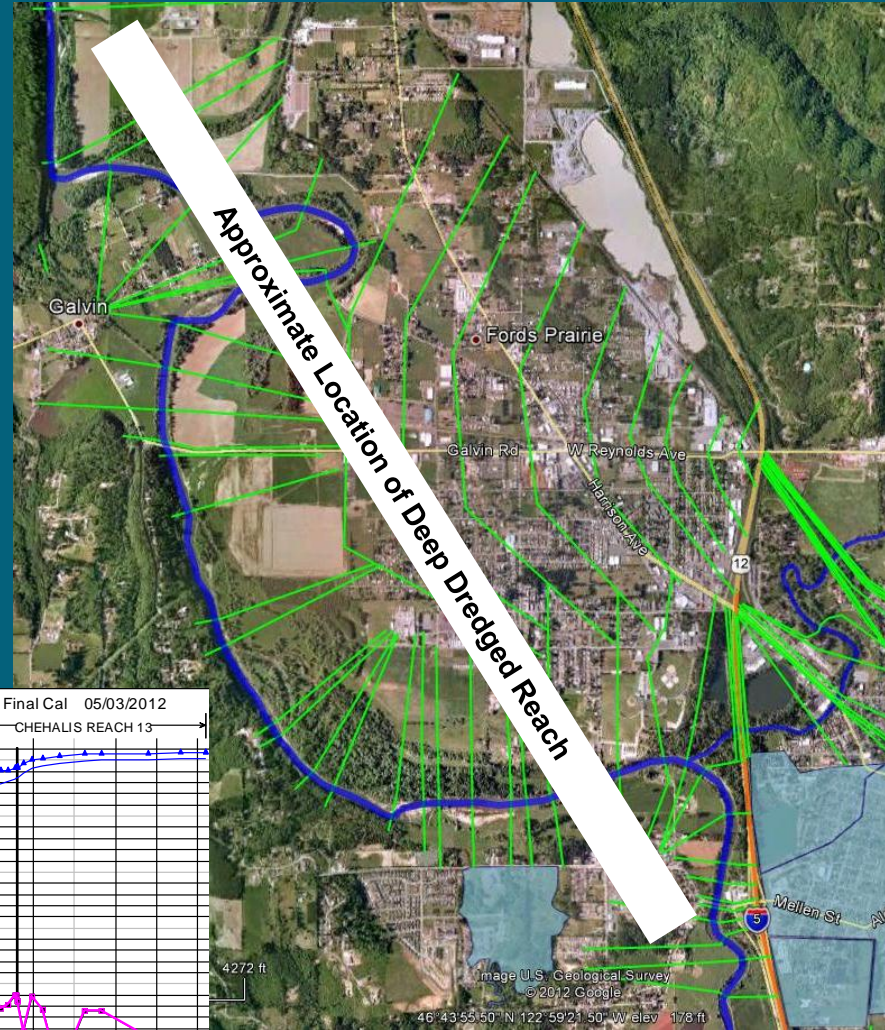
# Effects of Mellen Street Bypass – Dec. 2007 event





# Dredge Mellen St to Lincoln Creek

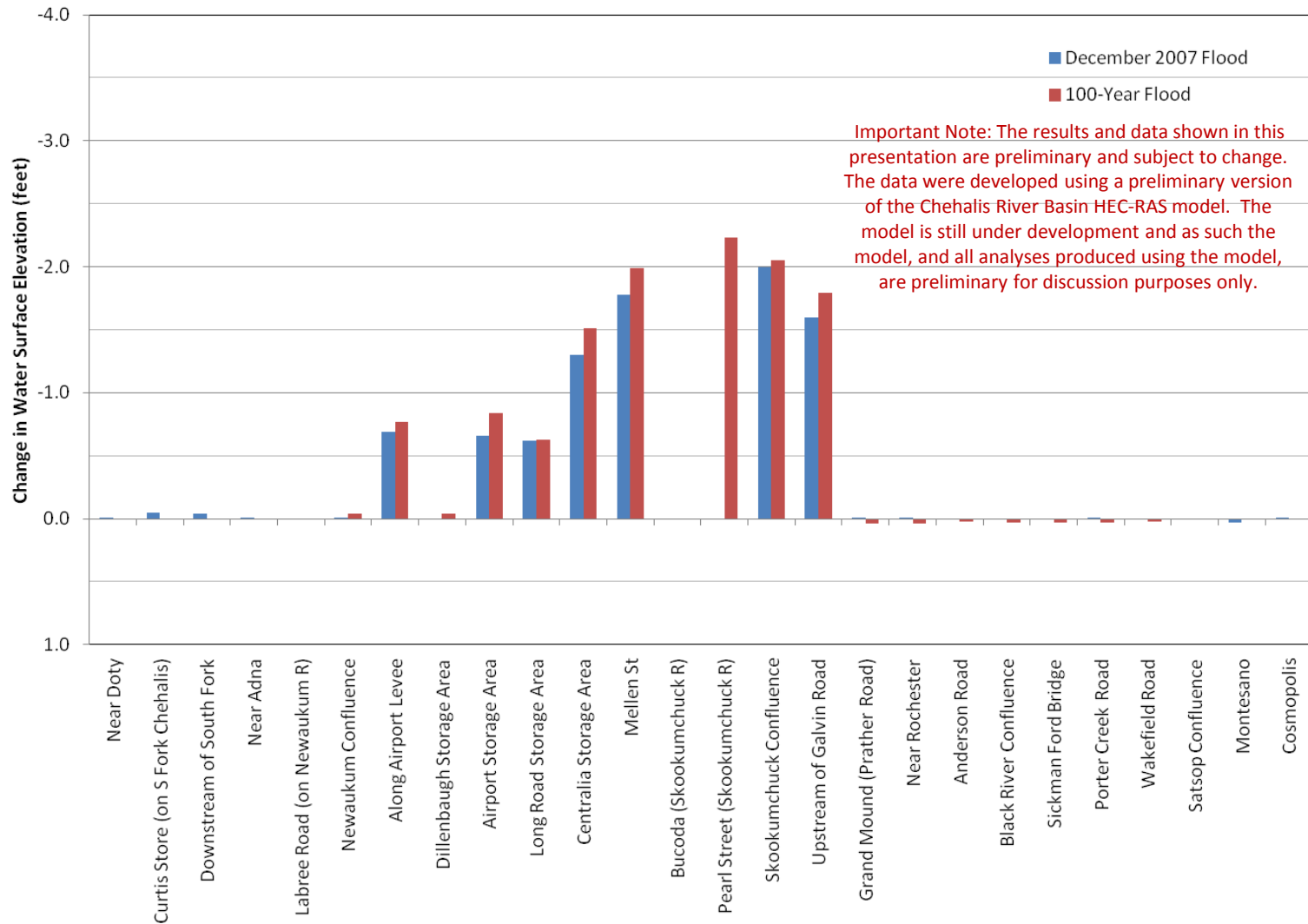
- Dredge main channel from D/S of Mellen Street to D/S of Lincoln Creek
- 150-ft bottom, up to 15 feet deep
- Remove “hump” in channel





# Dredge Mellen St to Lincoln Creek

## Effects of Potential Flood Relief Alternative



# Bridge Removal

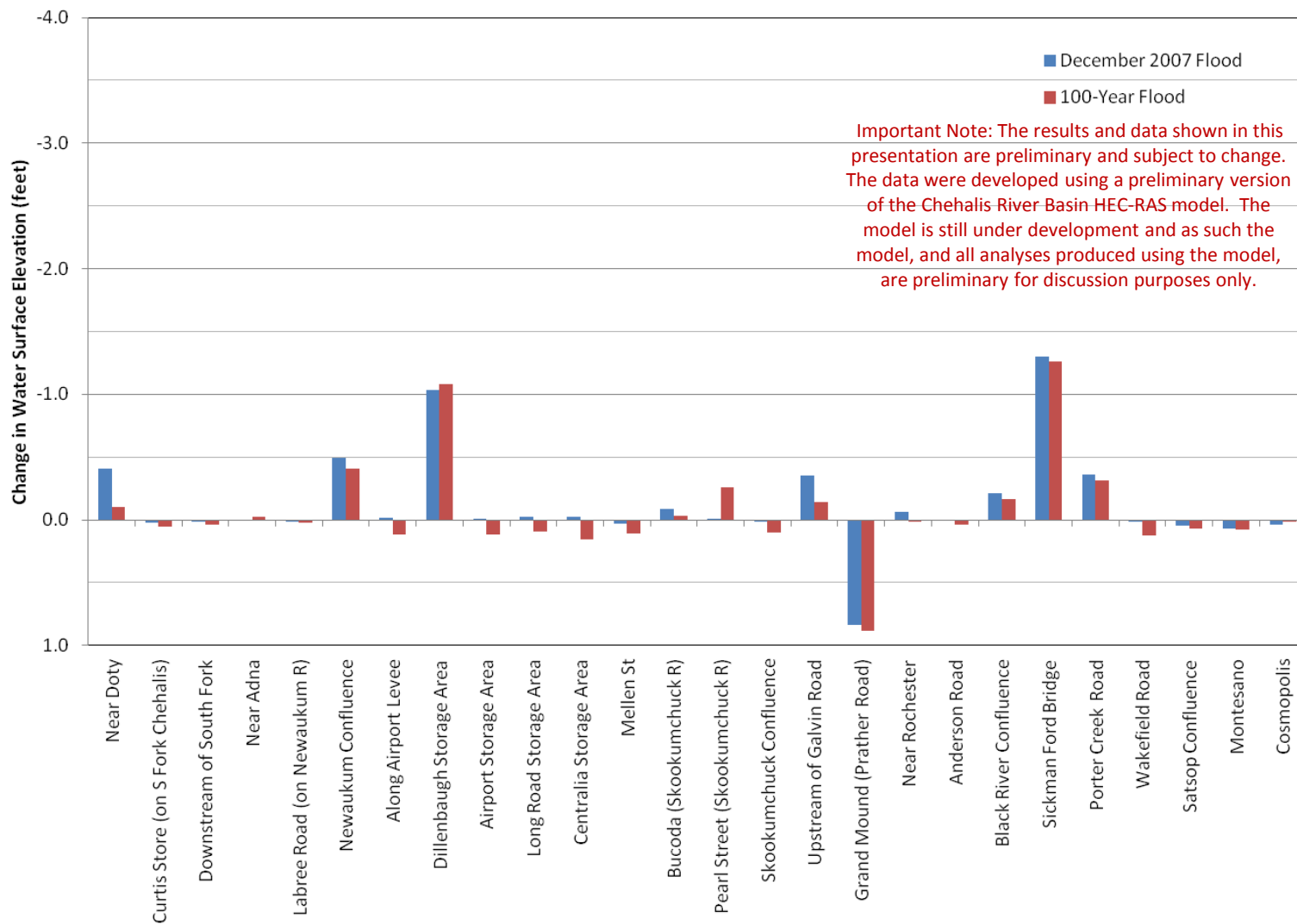
- Remove all Bridges in Chehalis River Model
- Also Evaluate Individual bridge replacements at SR-6, Mellen Street, Galvin Road, Sickman Ford





# Basin-Wide Bridge Removal

## Effects of Potential Flood Relief Alternative



# Bridge Removal – Individual Bridges

| Bridge Alternatives Analysis Summary |           |   |                              |                |                            |                |                             |                |                             |                |                               |                |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Location                             |           | Max Water Surface Elevation (feet NAVD) or Change in Flood Water Surface (feet) |                              |                |                            |                |                             |                |                             |                |                               |                |
|                                      |           | Dec 07<br>(ft NAVD)   | Dec w/o Bridges<br>(ft NAVD) | Change<br>(ft) | Dec w/o Hwy 6<br>(ft NAVD) | Change<br>(ft) | Dec w/o Mellen<br>(ft NAVD) | Change<br>(ft) | Dec w/o Galvin<br>(ft NAVD) | Change<br>(ft) | Dec w/o SickFord<br>(ft NAVD) | Change<br>(ft) |
| Description                          | X-section |   |                              |                |                            |                |                             |                |                             |                |                               |                |
| Near Doty                            | 100.95    | 328.11  | 327.70                       | -0.41          | 328.11                     | 0.00           | 328.11                      | 0.00           | 328.12                      | 0.01           | 328.11                        | 0.00           |
| Curtis Store (on S Fork Chehalis)    | 1.81      | 238.94  | 238.97                       | 0.03           | 238.92                     | -0.02          | 238.92                      | -0.02          | 238.93                      | -0.01          | 238.92                        | -0.02          |
| Downstream of South Fork             | 86.42     | 227.68  | 227.70                       | 0.02           | 227.66                     | -0.02          | 227.66                      | -0.02          | 227.67                      | -0.01          | 227.66                        | -0.02          |
| Near Adna                            | 80.23     | 197.90  | 197.91                       | 0.01           | 197.89                     | -0.01          | 197.89                      | -0.01          | 197.90                      | 0.00           | 197.89                        | -0.01          |
| Labree Road (on Newaukum R)          | 4.11      | 204.67  | 204.68                       | 0.01           | 204.67                     | 0.00           | 204.67                      | 0.00           | 204.67                      | 0.00           | 204.67                        | 0.00           |
| Newaukum Confluence                  | 75.2      | 186.62  | 186.13                       | -0.49          | 186.28                     | -0.34          | 186.62                      | 0.00           | 186.62                      | 0.00           | 186.62                        | 0.00           |
| Along Airport Levee                  | 71.49     | 182.00  | 181.99                       | -0.01          | 182.00                     | 0.00           | 181.96                      | -0.04          | 182.01                      | 0.01           | 182.00                        | 0.00           |
| Dillenbaugh Storage Area             | SA #301   | 186.56  | 185.53                       | -1.03          | 186.27                     | -0.29          | 186.56                      | 0.00           | 186.57                      | 0.01           | 186.56                        | 0.00           |
| Airport Storage Area                 | SA #2     | 182.02  | 182.01                       | -0.01          | 182.03                     | 0.01           | 181.99                      | -0.03          | 182.03                      | 0.01           | 182.02                        | 0.00           |
| Long Road Storage Area               | SA #5     | 179.53  | 179.51                       | -0.02          | 179.53                     | 0.00           | 179.49                      | -0.04          | 179.54                      | 0.01           | 179.53                        | 0.00           |
| Centralia Storage Area               | SA #610   | 178.90  | 178.88                       | -0.02          | 178.91                     | 0.01           | 178.84                      | -0.06          | 178.92                      | 0.02           | 178.90                        | 0.00           |
| Mellen St                            | 67.43     | 178.53  | 178.56                       | 0.03           | 178.54                     | 0.01           | 178.57                      | 0.04           | 178.53                      | 0.00           | 178.53                        | 0.00           |
| Bucoda (Skookumchuck R)              | 11.1      | 244.21  | 244.12                       | -0.09          | 244.21                     | 0.00           | 244.21                      | 0.00           | 244.21                      | 0.00           | 244.21                        | 0.00           |
| Pearl Street (Skookumchuck R)        | 2.43      | 186.76  | 186.75                       | -0.01          | 186.76                     | 0.00           | 186.76                      | 0.00           | 186.76                      | 0.00           | 186.76                        | 0.00           |
| Skookumchuck Confluence              | 66.88     | 176.48  | 176.49                       | 0.01           | 176.48                     | 0.00           | 176.48                      | 0.00           | 176.47                      | -0.01          | 176.48                        | 0.00           |
| Upstream of Galvin Road              | 64.9      | 168.27  | 167.92                       | -0.35          | 168.28                     | 0.01           | 168.28                      | 0.01           | 167.90                      | -0.37          | 168.28                        | 0.01           |
| Grand Mound (Prather Road)           | 59.909    | 147.39  | 148.22                       | 0.83           | 147.40                     | 0.01           | 147.39                      | 0.00           | 147.40                      | 0.01           | 147.39                        | 0.00           |
| Near Rochester                       | 54.476    | 124.25  | 124.19                       | -0.06          | 124.25                     | 0.00           | 124.24                      | -0.01          | 124.26                      | 0.01           | 124.25                        | 0.00           |
| Anderson Road                        | 51.499    | 106.03  | 106.03                       | 0.00           | 106.03                     | 0.00           | 106.02                      | -0.01          | 106.03                      | 0.00           | 106.03                        | 0.00           |
| Black River Confluence               | 46.937    | 92.94   | 92.73                        | -0.21          | 92.95                      | 0.01           | 92.93                       | -0.01          | 92.96                       | 0.02           | 92.68                         | -0.27          |
| Sickman Ford Bridge                  | 44.175    | 85.52   | 84.22                        | -1.30          | 85.53                      | 0.01           | 85.51                       | -0.01          | 85.54                       | 0.02           | 84.18                         | -1.34          |
| Porter Creek Road                    | 33.6      | 54.67   | 54.31                        | -0.36          | 54.68                      | 0.01           | 54.66                       | -0.01          | 54.69                       | 0.02           | 54.69                         | 0.02           |
| Wakefield Road                       | 23.96     | 39.63   | 39.64                        | 0.01           | 39.63                      | 0.00           | 39.61                       | -0.02          | 39.64                       | 0.01           | 39.64                         | 0.01           |
| Satsop Confluence                    | 19.89     | 34.47   | 34.52                        | 0.05           | 34.48                      | 0.01           | 34.47                       | 0.00           | 34.48                       | 0.01           | 34.49                         | 0.02           |
| Montesano                            | 12.5      | 17.17   | 17.24                        | 0.07           | 17.18                      | 0.01           | 17.16                       | -0.01          | 17.19                       | 0.02           | 17.20                         | 0.03           |
| Cosmopolis                           | 1.99      | 11.00   | 11.04                        | 0.04           | 11.00                      | 0.00           | 11.00                       | 0.00           | 11.03                       | 0.03           | 11.00                         | 0.00           |

Note: Negative change means that the alternative has lower simulated water levels, positive change indicates the alternative raises water levels.



# Project Status Update

Preliminary (USACE) Model Distributed – February 14, 2012

Modeling Meeting with State team – February 23, 2012

Distribution of Refined Model – March 7, 2012

Comments from State Tech Team and USACE – March 30, 2012

Final Existing Conditions Model Distributed - May 3, 2012

Preliminary Alternative Runs Completed – May 9, 2012

WSDOT Updating Baseline Geometry to Include MTB Project

Modeling of Alternatives to be Updated – by May 31, 2012

Reporting and Presentation of Results – June 2012

# Questions and next steps