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PRESS RELEASE

County seeks public input to help determine runoff relief measures in Ski Hill Basin area

LEAVENWORTH – The public is invited to participate in a survey that will be used in completing an analysis that will identify solutions to reduce the impacts of water runoff coming from the Ski Hill Basin in Leavenworth.

The analysis, paid for by the Chelan County Flood Control Zone District (FCZD), was started in 2019 and now has reached a critical point where input from the community is sought. Six alternatives have been identified that will mitigate, to various degrees and costs, flooding in the Ski Hill Basin. The public is asked to evaluate those alternatives.

Comments are being taken via a GIS StoryMap, which uses maps and descriptions to explain the water runoff problems in the Ski Hill Basin. It can be accessed online at the link below, or via the FCZD website (www.co.chelan.wa.us/flood-control-zone-district). **The FCZD asks people to complete the survey by Feb. 26.**

“We’re especially interested in hearing from those people living and working in the Ski Hill Basin and our partners in the Leavenworth community,” said Bob Bugert, Chelan County commissioner and FCZD supervisor. “Important mitigation efforts like these include gathering thoughts and opinions from the community.”

Located just north of the city of Leavenworth, the Ski Hill Basin stretches from the Cascade Range to the Wenatchee River. It includes national forest lands and the Ski Hill Lodge as well as residential and commercial areas. In most recent years, the area west of Titus Road has seen much residential development and growth.

In years past, basin homeowners have reported some flooding issues typically occurring during rapid snow melt in late winter and early spring. Water runoff in the basin also has overwhelmed county ditches and culverts, causing mud and debris to go across the road and impact traffic. The 2017 Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan, also a project of the FCZD, identified Ski Hill as a top priority for flood mitigation efforts and called for an analysis of the basin to form an action plan for reducing flooding impacts to public and private property within Chelan County and the city limits of Leavenworth.

Resources:

[Ski Hill Basin Analysis webpage](#)
[StoryMap](#)