Latest Update on Active Weather Pattern Over California

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A quick look at the strong atmospheric river (AR) that is currently impacting the Pacific Northwest through Saturday.

Forecast Highlights:

- AR 3/4 conditions are still forecast for the Pacific Northwest through Saturday
- The GEFS landfall tool has continued to increase the probability of AR conditions (IVT >250 kg m⁻¹ s⁻¹) over the Pacific Northwest
- The Weather Prediction Center (WPC) is forecasting more than 5 inches of total precipitation in portions of western Washington and Oregon over the next 3 days
- The GEFS is also forecasting AR 2/3 conditions extending into inland portions of Washington and Oregon which help to bring up to 4 inches of total precipitation into northeastern Oregon and Idaho
- After the AR moves onshore it is expected to propagate down the US West Coast and dissipate as it moves into central California. This will bring AR 1 conditions southward to the Bay Area with lighter precipitation amounts of 2-3 inches into coastal areas of Northern California
- In association with this event, the NWS has posted flood watches for the Washington Cascades and hydrologic outlooks for areas within Washington and Oregon
- The NWS Northwest River Forecast Center is forecasting the Snoqualmie river near Carnation to rise to near Major Flood stage during the early morning hours on Saturday
- The WPC has issued an excessive rainfall forecast indicating the potential for high rainfall rates in the vicinity of recent burn scars in the western foothills of the Washington Cascades

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Additional Considerations:

In-depth AR forecasts products can be found here: http://cw3e.ucsd.edu/iwv-and-ivt-forecasts/

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