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# Flood, Wind Alerts Hit Coast Over Thanksgiving Week

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A Caltrans message sign on U.S. Highway 101 south of Crescent City warns drivers of possible coastal flooding Monday morning, Nov. 23.

A Caltrans message sign on U.S. Highway 101 south of Crescent City read “POSSIBLE COASTAL FLOODING” Monday morning, as the National Weather Service tracked a week of high tides, large surf and strong wind along the coast.

The weather service in Eureka placed the Del Norte coast under a Coastal Flood Watch from Tuesday morning, Nov. 24, through Thursday afternoon, Nov. 26, Thanksgiving Day. It said high astronomical tides and large surf with storm surge could bring up to one foot of saltwater over the ground in low-lying areas near shorelines and tidal waterways.

“Several coastal roads may be closed. Low lying property and some critical infrastructure will be inundated. Some shoreline erosion may occur,” the watch stated. Forecasters expected high-tide water levels to keep rising through the week and peak Wednesday.

Across the state line, the weather service in Medford issued a stronger Coastal Flood Warning for the Curry County coast from 7 a.m. Tuesday to 7 p.m. Thursday. It called for King Tides and storm surge from breaking surf of 23 to 28 feet to bring up to 3.1 feet of water above ground in low-lying areas Tuesday and Wednesday, and up to 2.6 feet Thursday. The warning said flooding could reach parts of Highway 101 around Gold Beach and that impacts were expected to be similar to those of Jan. 3, 2026.

The storm brought wind as well. A Wind Advisory covered the Del Norte coast and interior Del Norte from 10 p.m. Monday to 4 p.m. Tuesday. On the coast, forecasters called for southeast winds of 20 to 25 mph with gusts up to 55 mph, and said gusts could reach 60 mph if stronger winds aloft mixed down to the surface. The strongest winds were expected Tuesday morning into early afternoon.

Inland, the advisory called for south winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts up to 65 mph on the highest peaks, with weaker winds in more protected lower areas such as Gasquet.

The weather service warned of tree branches and other debris on roadways, downed limbs and a few power outages, and said the wind could make driving difficult for high-profile vehicles. In Curry County, a High Wind Warning from 4 p.m. Monday to 7 p.m. Tuesday called for gusts up to 65 mph, including on exposed stretches of Highway 101, and said widespread power outages were expected.

Offshore, a Storm Warning covered the waters from Point St. George to Cape Mendocino through 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Tides stay high after the alerts end. NOAA predicts high tides at its Crescent City station of 8.1 feet at 12:36 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 7.6 feet at 1:32 p.m. Saturday and 6.9 feet at 2:34 p.m. Sunday. The week’s highest predicted tide was 8.6 feet Wednesday morning.

Current alerts for Del Norte County are at weather.gov/eka, and for Curry County at weather.gov/medford. Crescent City tide predictions are at tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov, station 9419750.