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Holden Village community closes temporarily following series of mudslides on FS 8301
Transport to and from Village currently unavailable

CHELAN WA, December 12, 2025 - Holden Village will be closing temporarily, following a series of mudslides and washouts on Forest Service Road 8301. All Villagers are safe and plans are currently underway for evacuating the community in the coming days. There are currently no guests, but 53 staff are in the Village.

The road damage occurred on Wednesday night after four consecutive days of heavy rain. FS 8301, the only road linking Holden Village with the boat dock at Lucerne, is currently impassable. Because of the continued danger of mudslides as well as pending avalanche risks as precipitation turns to snow for the winter, reconstruction work cannot safely begin until spring 2026. This closure is expected to last at least through May 2026. Incoming guests are being notified of changes to their reservations.

Rio Tinto and their contractor IMCO Construction—which operates the water treatment plant near Holden Village—have also been impacted by the mudslides. Holden Village is working closely with both agencies to coordinate evacuation and reconstruction efforts.

This is still a developing situation and more information will be shared with the Holden community as it becomes available.

Deep thanks to the Holden Village incident command team who are working diligently to keep the Village safe. Please keep Holden and other Washington communities impacted by flooding—especially our neighbors in Stehekin—in your prayers.

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About the Village

Located in the heart of Washington's North Cascades Mountains, Holden Village is an iconic retreat center that offers visitors a unique opportunity to step into the wilderness to form and renew their relationship with God, the earth, and each other. Over the course of more than 60 years, Holden Village has been transformed from a copper mining town to a vibrant place of education, programming, and worship where everyone is welcome and embraced and invited into deepening renewal.