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AFTER THE SNOW - - THE DELUGE - - Thaw, following
the heaviest snowfall for years, brings floods to wide
area of Washington.

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Picture.:- Wide spread floods are the result of blizzards
which left snow feet deep over--

--the district of Washington. When the thaw came, a--
--deluge came with it. Down from the mountains and hills, rush--
--the turbulent streams which burst over the whole area, turning
it--
--into a bewildering sea of sprouting trees and telegraph poles.
People leaving on flat--
--places had to--
--take up their beds and run, unless they preferred to swim for it.
Tiny hill streams became raging torrents like these 1,--
--gradually increasing in violence as the--
--thaw quickened. The water pressure destroyed protective
banks, so emergency workers tried to--
--stem the flood by building makeshift dams of sandbags, but--
--if there is much more, snow to melt, they will be swept--
--away too. It seems a big price to pay for a couple of
weeks of winter sport.