Can you guess the snowiest place on earth?

As it happens, the snowiest place on record is not very far from here.

On clear sunny days, we might even see it from the Ferry to Seattle.
It's name is Mount Baker.

In 1998, over 95 feet of snow fell that one season. That’s the most every recorded in one place on earth in one winter.
So Mount Baker is “the snowiest place on earth.”

The extreme snow at Mount Baker that year was caused by La Niña waters in the Pacific Ocean that make the Pacific Northwest colder and wetter than normal.
February 13, 1979

In the early morning about 40 years ago, the wind blew so hard that millions of people lost power.

Some didn't get their lights back for nearly three weeks.
Forecasters expected winds of 30-40 mph over Puget Sound and nearby waters.

But unexpectedly the winds accelerated to 100-130 mph over a very limited area around the Hood Canal Bridge.
After hours of pounding, a section of the bridge failed as the wind and wind driven waves struck the structure.

It took 3 ½ years to build a new bridge.

The current Hood Canal Bridge is even newer and better than the one re-built back then.
January 5, 2015

Extreme conditions in Washington caused by heavy rains over the weekend prompted the National Weather Service to issue flood warnings for much of Western Washington.
After a week of snow and heavy rains, landslides were covering roads around Seattle while a state of emergency was declared for flooding and washed out roadways.

The highway was closed early Thursday after a mudslide covered the road east of Seattle. All lanes reopened that afternoon.
Trees, rocks and mud came down from a hillside. Mud was a few inches in some places and a little deeper in others. Large rocks and one or two trees were across the road.

Commuter trains into Seattle also were canceled due to slides.