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FLOOD WARNING

Due to the abundance of rainfall, melting snow, and warm temperatures, the Office of Emergency Management wants all citizens to be aware of flood hazards in the region.

Many small streams, creeks, and rivers in the local area are experiencing bank overflow conditions. The 4th of July creek has overflowed and is causing some roadway flooding. Also, we have received several notifications of citizens experiencing basement and crawl space flooding. Coeur D'Alene River is predicted to flood by Wednesday due to the steady wet conditions and melting snow. We ask any citizens affected by flood waters to take extra precautions and prepare themselves for possible flooding.

These flood waters cause streams, creeks, and rivers to flow at a much faster pace. The waters are also dangerously cold and can be life threatening. Be aware that high water levels often have large debris being carried downstream which poses a danger to boats and people. Please stay clear from these waters, and keep children and pets far from any flooding areas.

Many roadways will also be in danger of flooding. Please avoid driving through flooded roadways as flood waters can wash out the road from underneath and potentially be much deeper than anticipated. Call 511 to get information on the most recent road conditions.

If your community or neighborhood is experience any problematic flooding, please call your local fire district for sandbags and sand.

Adopt a neighbor! If you have any neighbors who are elderly, disable, or could use assistance, please communicate with them to ensure they are safe. Stay informed by listening to your radio or television for detailed emergency information.

Please do not put yourself or your family in any unnecessary risk situations. From the staff at Kootenai County Emergency Management we wish you all a safe week through this flood warning.