



FACT SHEET

Missoula County Floods 2018

June 6, 2018 10 AM

What: Flooding
Location: Missoula: Orchard Homes area, Tower Street, Harpers Bridge, Hamel Road in Frenchtown; Greenough/Potomac: Elk Creek Road near Sunset Hill Road; Clinton: Cramer Creek Road

Started: May 2018

Key Updates:

Evacuation ORDERS have been lifted from the following areas: Keck Street, Stone Street, Hamel Road, South Harpers Bridge Road, and a portion of Nancy Lou.

Meanwhile, the Missoula County Public Works' Building Division and the Missoula County Floodplain Administrators completed inspecting the exteriors of residences in the Keck Street, Stone Street, Nancy Lou, Tower Street, Hamel Road, and Harpers Bridge Road areas over the past two days. These homes have been marked with a placard indicating whether or not the home is safe to enter and re-occupy. However, some homes were inaccessible due to floodwaters. Building officials will return to complete their inspections when it is safe to do so. So while evacuation ORDERS have been lifted for specific areas, if the residence is deemed unsafe by the Building Division and Floodplain Administrators due to flooding damage, residents should adhere to the placard posted on the exterior of their home. A green placard indicates no exterior damage was visible, the residence is safe, and power and water can be turned on. A yellow placard indicates restricted use, meaning the residence is safe to enter but only in a limited capacity due to water in a crawlspace or first floor living areas. If a yellow placard is posted on the exterior, an interior home inspection **must** be done. Please call 258-3701 to schedule an interior home inspection. A red placard indicates that the residence is unsafe and should not be entered or occupied. **DO NOT** remove placards until utilities are restored. Inspections will continue tomorrow in the Schmidt and off-Mullan areas. These inspections are being done to determine if the residence is safe to enter and occupy based on visible structural damage caused by flooding. Inspectors will **not** be entering homes, this is an exterior inspection only.

For those who could not attend the public meeting, a copy of the recovery packet is available at <https://www.missoulacounty.us/home/showdocument?id=29080>. **If your residence has sustained damage due to flooding, please complete the 2018 Citizen Flood Damage Report found at <http://bit.ly/MissoulaFloodDamage>.** Data compiled from this form is used as an indicator of flood damage throughout Missoula County to help determine whether this incident meets federal thresholds for individual assistance (financial). Completing this form does not guarantee financial assistance. Not completing this form may disqualify you from receiving individual assistance. This form is for flood damage within Missoula County only. **This form should be submitted by June 8, 2018.** If you are unable to complete this form using the link, you may call 258-INFO (4636) between 9:00 AM to noon or from 3:00 – 7:00 PM from Monday (6/4/18) through Wednesday (6/6/2018).

The water level on the Clark Fork River above Missoula is no longer in flood stage and is currently sitting at 8.55 feet as of 8 a.m. Current forecasts predict the river to trend downward through next week. The most up-to-date river forecasts are available at <https://water.weather.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=mso>.

Incident Overview: The combination of above-average snowpack and recent precipitation has resulted in early season flooding. The Clark Fork River above Missoula crested at 13.82 feet – major flood stage and the second-highest on record – on the evening of Friday, May 12. A Type III Incident Management Team continues to manage the incident. Approximately 65 homes in Missoula County are still under modified evacuation orders.

<p>Evacuations</p>	<p>Evacuation orders have been lifted for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keck Street • Stone Street • Portion of Nancy Lou • Hamel Road • South Harpers Bridge Road <p>A modified evacuation order remains in effect for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast corner of Tower street • Kehrwald Drive • Channel Drive • Northernmost portion of Nancy Lou • Schmidt Road • Off Mullan Road <p>Affected residents can return to their homes and will not need to check in and out at road blocks, but should not re-inhabit the property or start the recovery process. Road patrols are still assigned to the affected flood area 24/7, and road blocks will be re-established as conditions warrant.</p>
<p>Road Closures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern portions of Tower Street closed to all traffic • Northernmost portion of Nancy Lou Drive closed to all traffic • Schmidt Road closed to all traffic • Hamel Road closed to all traffic
<p>Sandbag Stations</p>	<p>Thanks to generous donations and community support, the County has set up a sandbagging station and central resources hub at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fort Missoula – As Team Rubicon has reached its goals for this operation, it is no longer managing the volunteer sandbagging efforts at Fort Missoula and does not need volunteers at this time. Residents looking for sandbags can obtain the remaining sandbags filled by volunteers at 3335 Lt. Moss Road (in the field). • Frenchtown Fire Station 1 – Self-fill sandbag station, filled and unfilled sandbags and sand are available at 16875 Marion Street in Frenchtown. • East Missoula Fire Department – Self-fill sandbag station, filled and unfilled sandbags and sand are available at 314 Montana Ave. • Seeley Lake - Sandbags can be obtained at the Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department.
<p>Shelter Information</p>	<p>American Red Cross shelters are now closed. Residents seeking disaster assistance in Missoula or Seeley Lake should call 1-800-272-6668.</p>
<p>Potable Water</p>	<p>-Missoula Water - 1345 W. Broadway, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, -Culligan Water Trailer is no longer available at 2520 S. 3rd St. W (Wheat Montana parking lot) ****Residents should bring clean containers to fill water.</p>
<p>Health Safety</p>	<p>Avoid contact with floodwater, including flooded lake water. Floodwater is not the same as normal river or lake water and contains potential contaminants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bacteria and viruses from septic systems can cause infection and illness. • Other materials, like household cleaners and chemicals, lawn care products

	<p>and pesticides can cause skin irritation, rash and allergic reaction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those who must work in flood-inundated areas should cover their skin with some type of water impermeable (rubber) boots and gloves and wash exposed areas with soap and water and rinse thoroughly immediately after exposure. • The Health Department recommends ensuring tetanus shots are up to date. The department's walk-in clinic offers vaccinations on a sliding fee scale. 406-258-3363
Stay Alert	Sign up for Smart 911 alerts (smart911.com) to receive emergency notifications.
Public Safety	Public safety is a top priority. The public should avoid flooded areas altogether. Any increase in traffic can hinder response efforts and create safety hazards. Residents should photograph and report hazards using the online form at bit.ly/MslaHazardReportingForm .
River Hazards and Access	<p>The Clark Fork River from the Reserve Street Bridge in Missoula to Kona Bridge remains closed until further notice, due to dangers caused by downed power lines in the river and high water levels full of hazardous debris. The closure applies to all water-based recreation, including, but not limited to: wading, swimming, fishing, floating, boating. For more information on FWP river access site closures and restrictions visit the FWP website at fwp.mt.gov/news/restrictions/.</p> <p>Do not attempt to recreate in the water. River levels are high, currents are fast and debris is widespread. Montana FWP also has closed the following sites: Kelly Island (all access points), Kona, Deep Creek and Harpers Bridge Fishing Access Sites (FASs). Council Grove State Park is now open and Sha-Ron is open with walk-in only access. FWP also closed the gates or created temporary barriers at many other FASs around the region along the Bitterroot and Blackfoot rivers. A complete list of closed and limited-access sites is available at http://fwp.mt.gov/news.</p>
Public Information	<p>-A flood information line, 258-INFO, staffed from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Callers will hear an updated recording afterhours.</p> <p>-The public information trailer at the Wheat Montana parking lot is not currently in operation due to low traffic volume, but may be reinstated in the future if need arises.</p>
Agencies	Missoula County Sheriff's Office, Missoula Rural Fire Department, National Weather Service, Army Corps of Engineers, Missoula Fire Department, Missoula County Public Works, Seeley Lake Volunteer Fire Department, Frenchtown Rural Fire District, Missoula County Type 3 Incident Management Team, Missoula County Search and Rescue, Missoula County Office Of Emergency Management, Missoula City-County Health Department, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Montana DNRC, East Missoula Volunteer Fire Department, Missoula Police
Requesting Assistance	Residents affected by flooding can request assistance by filling out the request for disaster assistance form online at http://bit.ly/RequestForAssistance .