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Cascade County - Flooding Preparation

Cascade County Officials want to reassure the public that there are currently planning efforts in place behind the scenes to help ensure our community is prepared in the event that large scale flooding occurs. Response is ongoing regarding localized flooding, and appropriate personnel are meeting and preparing if large scale response efforts are needed.

With data collected, including evaluations of snowpack and long-term weather outlooks, there are no Cascade County communities that appear at high risk for large scale flooding at this time. Therefore, planning efforts for town hall or other community meetings will not take place until a need is identified. "We are committed to the safety and well-being of our residents and will continue to assess, plan, and act accordingly" says Interim Dept. of Emergency Services Coordinator, Scott VanDyken.

In the meantime, it is imperative that individuals take measures to protect their property and prepare for any potential water that may impact them through snowmelt and other means. In addition, everyone can help minimize the impact of localized flooding. Steps each person can take include:

- **Visit www.cchdmt.org** for up to date flooding information and numerous fact sheets that can be useful in preparing for, responding to, and cleaning up after flood waters. If larger scale flooding occurs, the official source of information for Cascade County is <http://www.cchdmt.org>. This site will be consistently updated with information.
- **Stay out of flood waters.** Do not drive through a flooded road. The depth of water is not always obvious.
- **Plan travel routes to specifically stay out of impacted areas.** Responders, residents, transportation officials, and others are working diligently to minimize the impact of flood waters. Additional people in the area can get in the way of these efforts, become stranded, or find themselves in danger.

For more flooding resources, please visit www.cchdmt.org .

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