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### **Get facts on floods at Livingston Farmers Market June 11**

**HELENA, Mont.** – A broad coalition of agencies and organizations are collaborating on a day of activities promoting flood awareness at the Livingston Farmers Market on June 11, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

“Livingston Flood Awareness Day will offer a wide range of booths and activities to give residents of Livingston and Park County the information they need to plan for their safety and protect their communities and property,” said Mary Guokas, Floodplain Outreach Specialist for the Montana DNRC. “Flooding is a well-established fact of life along the Yellowstone River, and this is a great opportunity for residents to learn all they can.”

The Park County and Livingston planning departments have teamed up to offer a booth about wise planning in floodplains. Representatives from FEMA and the US Army Corps of Engineers will be on hand to answer questions about their agencies’ respective roles. NOAA and the National Weather Service will provide ways to access information about early flood warning forecasts.

The American Red Cross as well as the Park County Disaster and Emergency Services and the Park County Health Department will offer information about actions people can take

during and after flooding. A fun and educational demonstration of river hydrology and flood impacts will be presented by the Montana DNRC and the Park County Conservation District at the “Rolling Rivers” trailer. The Montana Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Parks will have information on the impacts of flooding on wildlife habitat. Local Fire Department trucks will be on display.

Booths and activities will be located at Sacajawea Park and the Livingston Civic Center; to facilitate participation, the City of Livingston will be closing the road in front of the Civic Center and between the band shell and the Lagoon.

Livingston Flood Awareness Day is sponsored by the Corporation for the Northern Rockies (CNR) and the City of Livingston. For more information, contact Mary Guokas, Floodplain Outreach Specialists with the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) at (406) 444-1343.

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