



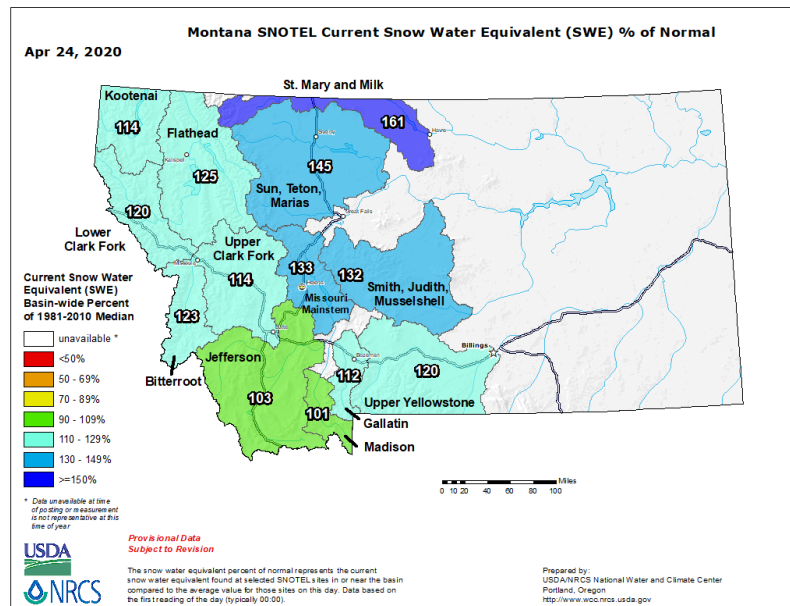
# State Floodplain Program 2020 Flood Preparedness Report

This document is prepared by the DNRC Floodplain Program. Its intent is to be updated and distributed weekly throughout the 2020 flood season.

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## Current Conditions and Forecasts (04/23)



NRCS Snow Survey Current Conditions Maps:

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/mt/snow/products/NRCSEPRD1137464/>

## What's Happening Now

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| Wildfire Burn Areas   |           | Risk will depend on spring snowmelt and possible spring rains.<br><br>DNRC Wildfire Map:<br><a href="http://gis.dnrc.mt.gov/apps/firemap/">http://gis.dnrc.mt.gov/apps/firemap/</a> | Outreach:<br>1. Flood after wildfire information distributed<br>2. DNRC will work with NWS to target communities identified at risk                                    |
| Ice Jam   | 4/3/2020  | Suspending until next fall/winter   |  |
| Erosion   | 4/23/20   | No current erosion threat identified  |  |
| Spring Runoff   | 4/23/20   | Risk of Flood spring Runoff is a statewide concern.   |  |
|   |           | High Elevation snow pack across the state is being monitored.   | Important to watch how quickly temperatures rise (strings of days in the 80s) and if we see spring rains on top of runoff.   |
|   |           | NWS – Billings<br>(24-hour): 406-652-0851   | Area will continue to see scattered rain and snow with relatively cool temperatures at night. Starting to monitor snow pack and precipitation for rain on snow events. |
|   |           | NWS – Glasgow<br>(24-hour): 406-228-4042  | Area will continue to see scattered rain and snow with relatively cool temperatures at night. Some smaller creek and stream run off maybe seen.                        |
|   |           | NWS-Great Falls<br>(24-hour): 406-952-3790  | No flood threats for west of the divide. Mix of cooler and warmer temperatures persist   |
|   |           | NWS – Missoula<br>(24-hour): 406-329-4840   | No flood threats for west of the divide. Mix of cooler and warmer temperatures persist.  |
| Reservoir Storage and Releases  | 4/23/2020 | US Army Corps of Engineers  | No updates   |
|   |           | US Bureau of Reclamations   | No updates   |
|   |           | State Water Projects Bureau   | No updates   |
| DNRC Floodplain Website   |           | <a href="http://floodplain.mt.gov/disaster-and-recovery">http://floodplain.mt.gov/disaster-and-recovery</a>   | Gives information and resources for the public and community officials about flood response and recovery in Montana.   |
| NWS Flood Forecast and Observations   |           | <a href="http://water.weather.gov">http://water.weather.gov</a>   | Gives information about flood forecasts at stream gauge locations. Select Montana in the drop-down menu on the right side of the page to see statewide information.    |
| East of the divide: NWS Yellowstone River Conference Call-Daily, NWS Great Falls-TBD . Contact Arin Peters (arin.peters@noaa.gov)   |           |   |  |
| i. West of the divide: NWS currently holds periodic flood/weather outlook calls. Contact Leeann Allegretto if you are interested in participating in these calls ( <a href="mailto:leeann.allegretto@noaa.gov">leeann.allegretto@noaa.gov</a> ) |           |   |  |

### Agency/State/Federal Coordination

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| DNRC – MT Floodplain Program     |  | <a href="http://www.mtfloodplains.mt.gov">www.mtfloodplains.mt.gov</a><br>406-444-6654   | State Floodplain Program's role in flood coordination and response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Falls under ESF 5</li> <li>● Coordination with all agencies</li> </ul> |
| DES – Dept. of Emergency Service |  | <a href="http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/Home/Articles/current-secc-situation-report">http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/Home/Articles/current-secc-situation-report</a><br><br>State Flood Readiness Meetings (biweekly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kick-off meeting TBD</li> <li>● Kick-Off for DNRC/DES Ops Brief Call- TBD</li> </ul> These calls will be held between involved agencies date and time TBD. | Daily State Emergency Coordination Center Situation Reports  |
| Governor's Office                |  | Governor's Current Executive Orders:<br><a href="https://governor.mt.gov/Home/Governor/eo">https://governor.mt.gov/Home/Governor/eo</a>  | Governor's Office Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updates will be sent upon request</li> <li>● Agencies involved: DNRC, DES, NWS, NRCS, and USGS</li> </ul>    |
| Congressional Offices            |  | U.S. Senator Jon Tester's Office   |  |
|                                  |  | U.S. Senator Steve Daines's Office   |  |
|                                  |  | U.S. Representative Greg Gianforte's Office  |  |

## Floodplain Programmatic Activities

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Public Outreach        | Press Releases                    | 4/23/20           | Spring Flooding Commercial PSA is running in all media markets this week.   |
|                        |                                   | 4/16/20           | Spring Flooding/Insurance Commercial PSA with Director John Tubbs has been completed. Will run in all seven markets starting this week.<br><a href="https://urldefense.com/v3/https://youtu.be/ecfQGDg6rxk_!!GaaboA!4TqkX3QTqo9rscuJp0-7tcmDiXtrDTetUkTolERz9HDrijTG6mQteBrrj_7-\$">https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://youtu.be/ecfQGDg6rxk_!!GaaboA!4TqkX3QTqo9rscuJp0-7tcmDiXtrDTetUkTolERz9HDrijTG6mQteBrrj_7-\$</a> |
|                        |                                   | 2/20/20           | Spring Flood Insurance PSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Worked with Insurance Commission on press release for flood insurance.</li> </ul>   |
|                        | Television                        |                   | Daily State Emergency Coordination Center Situation Reports   |
|                        | PIO Activities                    |                   | TBD   |
|                        | Social Media                      | 4/07/20           | April Highground Newsletter sent to listserv<br>DNRC Facebook will post the link to April Newsletter<br>Newsletter posted on DNRC floodplain website  |
|                        |                                   | 3/09/20           | March Highground Newsletter sent to listserv<br>DNRC Facebook will post the link to the March Newsletter<br>Newsletter posted on DNRC floodplain website  |
| Community Preparedness | Flood Coordination Calls for FPAs | First Week of May | Floodplain Administrators calls to be scheduled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bi-weekly, or weekly, as needed</li> </ul>   |
|                        |                                   | TBA               | First Call Date   |
|                        |                                   | Standby           | FEMA on standby for Floodplain Administrators Duties Before the Flood Document  |
|                        |                                   | TBA               | Substantial Damage training/webinar for floodplain administrators if needed   |
|                        | Website for Flood Coordination    | TBA               | Adobe Connect website will be available for coordination.<br><br>Adobe Connect materials will be ready to go.   |
|                        | DNRC Highground Newsletter        | 4/07/20           | April edition: Article on Spring Flooding Emergency Supply Kit  |
|                        |                                   | 3/09/20           | March edition: Article on ice jam flooding with contributions from NWS-Great Falls  |
|                        | Email                             | TBD               | Correspondence to Floodplain Administrators   |
|                        | Meetings and Training             |                   | Past efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 AMFM Spring Flood Outlook</li> </ul>   |
|                        |                                   | TBA               | Future efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flood Response/Recovery Training for Floodplain Administrators. Topics should include documenting flood damage, using FEMA's new Substantial Damage Estimator Tool if needed</li> </ul>   |

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| Flood Response and Recovery | Disaster Declarations                         | 04/03/20 | Local- Updated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teton County- Early season Ice Jam caused flooding in Choteau.</li> </ul> |
|                             |   |          | State – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None declared at the time</li> </ul>   |
|                             |   |          | Federal – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None declared</li> </ul>   |
|                             | Media Coverage                                |          | Working on coordination efforts with NWS, DNRC, and DES   |
|                             | Data Collection                               | TBD      | (aerial photography, high water marks, peak discharge estimates, etc.)  |
|                             | Insurance Issues/ Information                 |          | Coordinating with Montana Insurance Commissioner on flood insurance website and information                                     |
|                             | Emergency Permitting and Technical Assistance |          | Currently, nothing to report.   |
|                             | IA/PA Activity                                |          | With no requests from the governor for FEMA assistance, there is no activity currently.   |
|                             | Substantial Damage Reports                    |          | Currently, nothing to report.   |