



State Floodplain Program 2020 Flood Preparedness Report

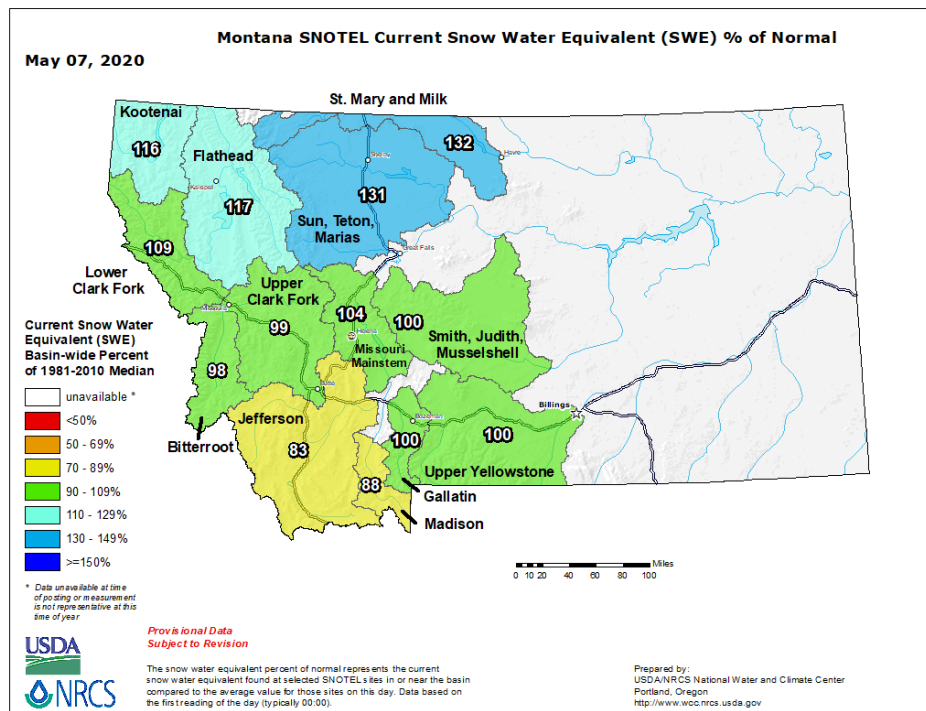
This document is prepared by the DNRC Floodplain Program. Its intent is to be updated and distributed weekly throughout the 2020 flood season.

5/7/20

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Current Conditions and Forecasts (05/07)



NRCS Snow Survey Current Conditions Maps:

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

What's Happening Now			
Wildfire Burn Areas		Risk will depend on spring snowmelt and possible spring rains. DNRC Wildfire Map: http://gis.dnrc.mt.gov/apps/firemap/	Outreach: 1. Flood after wildfire information distributed 2. DNRC will work with NWS to target communities identified at risk
Ice Jam	4/03/20	Suspending until next fall/winter	
Erosion	4/30/20	No current erosion threat identified	
Spring Runoff	5/07/20	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 (24-hour): 406-652-0851	A powerful frontal passage went through Wednesday evening with high wind gusts up to 60 mph. Areas of intense precipitation developed across portions of the southeast.
		NWS – Glasgow (24-hour): 406-228-4042	Storms developed along a surface low pressure trough. Some storms may become severe with large hail and damaging winds. Rainfall amounts may exceed 0.50 inch for many locations.
		NWS-Great Falls (24-hour): 406-952-3790	Vigorous compact upper level trough continues to progress east. Widespread rainfall will continue throughout Thursday. Saturday and Sunday should favor dry and mild conditions. Monday through Wednesday an unsettled atmosphere will favor periods of precipitation through next week.
		NWS – Missoula (24-hour): 406-329-4840	A strong cold front brought a wide variety of weather into northwest Montana. Quick bursts of moderate to heavy rainfall. Behind the front additional snow impacts continue for Glacier National Park and Marias Pass.
Reservoir Storage and Releases	5/07/2020	US Army Corps of Engineers	No updates
		US Bureau of Reclamations	No updates
		State Water Projects Bureau	No updates
DNRC Floodplain Website		http://floodplain.mt.gov/disaster-and-recovery	Gives information and resources for the public and community officials about flood response and recovery in Montana.
NWS Flood Forecast and Observations		http://water.weather.gov	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 (leeann.allegretto@noaa.gov)			

Agency/State/Federal Coordination			
DNRC – MT Floodplain Program		www.mtfloodplains.mt.gov 406-444-6654	State Floodplain Program’s role in flood coordination and response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls under ESF 5 • Coordination with all agencies
DES – Dept. of Emergency Service		http://readyandsafe.mt.gov/Home/Articles/current-secc-situation-report State Flood Readiness Meetings (biweekly) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off meeting TBD • Kick-Off for DNRC/DES Ops Brief Call- TBD 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: https://governor.mt.gov/Home/Governor/eo	Governor’s Office Briefings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates will be sent upon request • Agencies involved: DNRC, DES, NWS, NRCS, and USGS
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

Public Outreach	Press Releases	5/07/20	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. https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://youtu.be/ecfQGDg6rxk_!!GaaboA!4TqkX3QTqo9rscuJpP0-7tcmDiXtrDTEtUkTolERz9HDrijTG6mQteBrrj_7-\$
		2/20/20	Spring Flood Insurance PSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worked with Insurance Commission on press release for flood insurance.
	Television		Daily State Emergency Coordination Center Situation Reports
	PIO Activities		TBD
	Social Media	4/07/20	April Highground Newsletter sent to listserv DNRC Facebook will post the link to April Newsletter Newsletter posted on DNRC floodplain website
		3/09/20	March Highground Newsletter sent to listserv DNRC Facebook will post the link to the March Newsletter 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"> Bi-weekly, or weekly, as needed
		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. 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"> 2020 AMFM Spring Flood Outlook
		TBA	Future efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Response/Recovery Training for Floodplain Administrators. Topics should include documenting flood damage, using FEMA's new Substantial Damage Estimator Tool if needed

Flood Response and Recovery	Disaster Declarations	04/03/20	Local- Updated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teton County- Early season Ice Jam caused flooding in Choteau.
			State – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None declared at the time
			Federal – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None declared
	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.