



# State Floodplain Program 2020 Flood Preparedness Report

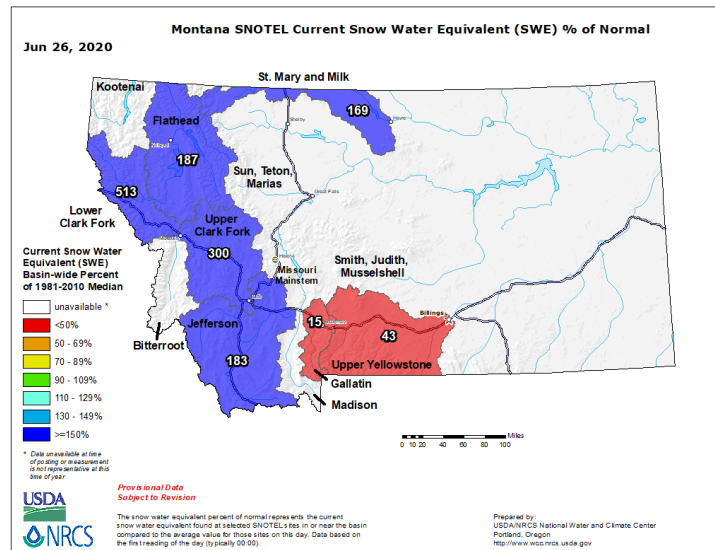
This document is prepared by the DNRC Floodplain Program. Its intent is to be updated and distributed weekly throughout the 2020 flood season.

6/26/20

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Floods After Fire Commercial PSA with DNRC Fire side has been completed and will run in all major media markets starting this weekend.

## Current Conditions and Forecasts (06/26)



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: <a href="http://gis.dnrc.mt.gov/apps/firemap/">http://gis.dnrc.mt.gov/apps/firemap/</a>	Outreach: 1. Flood after wildfire information distributed 2. DNRC will work with NWS to target communities identified at risk 3. PSA completed for Montana 4. Working on Lump Gulch Fire Outreach
Ice Jam	4/03/20	Suspending until next fall/winter	
Erosion	4/30/20	No current erosion threat identified	
Spring Runoff	6/19/2020	Risk of rain storms combined with spring runoff is a statewide concern.	
		High Elevation snow pack across the state is being still being monitored.	This week weather system may produce significant rain
		NWS – Billings (24-hour): 406-652-0851	Severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, large hail, and heavy rain. Flood concerns on the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River.
		NWS – Glasgow (24-hour): 406-228-4042	Severe storms moving in late afternoon on Saturday. Damaging winds, hail, and locally heavy rain possible.
		NWS-Great Falls (24-hour): 406-952-3790	Severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, large hail, and heavy rain. Flood potential in Cascade, Teton, and Lewis and Clark County. The Sun River near Sims is forecasted to flood. Growing concern for small and mainstem river flooding Monday onward.
		NWS – Missoula (24-hour): 406-329-4840	Severe thunderstorms with damaging winds, large hail, and heavy rain. Flood Watch is being issued for parts of the Seeley Lake area. Small streams and mainstem river flooding Monday onward.
Reservoir Storage and Releases	6/19/2020	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> )			

<b>Agency/State/Federal Coordination</b>			
DNRC – MT Floodplain Program		<a href="http://www.mtfloodplains.mt.gov">www.mtfloodplains.mt.gov</a> 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>  State Flood Readiness Meetings <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Missoula County declaration</li> </ul>
Governor’s Office		Governor’s Current Executive Orders: <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>
		Governor’s Drought and Water Supply Advisory Committee	Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/7/2020</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

Public Outreach	Press Releases	6/4/20-6/26/20	Floods After Fire PSA has been completed and is running in all media markets.
		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. <a href="https://urldefense.com/v3/https://youtu.be/ecfQGDg6rxk_!!GaaboA!4TqkX3QTqo9rscuJppO-7tcmDiXtrDTEtUkTolERz9HDriTG6mQteBrrj_7-\$">https://urldefense.com/v3/ https://youtu.be/ecfQGDg6rxk_!!GaaboA!4TqkX3QTqo9rscuJppO-7tcmDiXtrDTEtUkTolERz9HDriTG6mQteBrrj_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 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	May	Floodplain Administrators (FPA) calls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bi-weekly, or weekly, as needed</li> </ul>
		5/27/20	FPA Webinar
		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 6/26/20	April edition: Article on Spring Flooding Emergency Supply Kit June edition: Finishing editing
		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</li> </ul>

			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"> <li>Teton County- Early season Ice Jam caused flooding in Choteau.</li> </ul>
		5/19/20	State – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Missoula County – Flood Declaration</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.