

FLOOD COORDINATION CALL

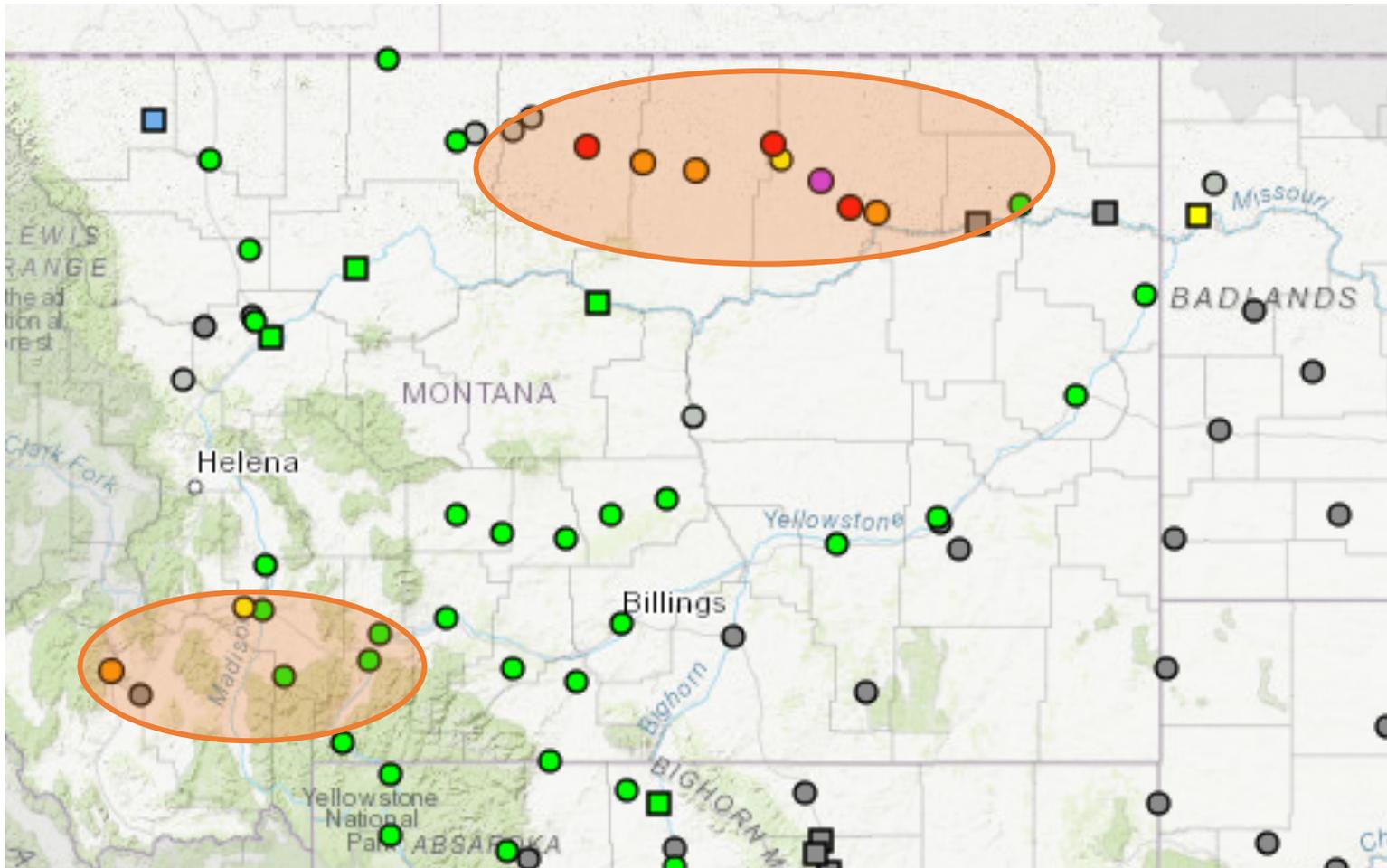
for local communities

What to do **DURING** a flood

April 27, 2018



CURRENT STATEWIDE HAZARDS



- Probability and forecasts available
- Forecasts available

456 total gauges
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- 2 Gauges: Major Flooding
- 7 Gauges: Moderate Flooding
- 18 Gauges: Minor Flooding
- 6 Gauges: Near Flood Stage
- 71 Gauges: No Flooding
- 1 Flood Category Not Defined
- 0 At or Below Low Water Threshold
- 15 Gauges: Forecasts Are Not Current
- 335 Gauges: No forecast within selected timeframe
- 1 Gauges: Out of Service

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Last map update:
04/25/2018 at 09:46:34 am EDT
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Current Flooding

Above or forecast above **MAJOR** flood stage

- Milk River at Tampico

Above or forecast above **MODERATE** flood stage

- Milk River at Saco
- Milk River at Harlem
- Milk River at Glasgow

Above or forecast above **MINOR** flood stage

- Milk River at Dodson
- Milk River at Malta
- Milk River at Nashua
- Big Hole River near Melrose

CURRENT STATEWIDE HAZARDS

North Central Montana

- Flood Advisories in effect for Glacier, Meagher Counties
- Currently numerous roads closed and or washed out in these counties
- Areal flood warnings in effect for Hill and Blaine Counties
- MDT reports water over roads in many locations across north central Montana

Northeast Montana

- Flood advisory in effect for Phillips County for small stream snowmelt
- Flood warnings in effect for the Milk River in Phillips and Valley Counties

Western Montana

- No major concerns currently
- A few rivers in NW MT are forecast near flood stage but no significant flooding is forecast for the next week or so
- They are mostly concerned with mountain snowmelt but that will likely be into May and June before the biggest impacts occur

Southeast Montana

- No current hydro impacts but the warming trend over the weekend and possible precipitation early next week could impact this area
- Shields River is near flood stage but currently forecast to remain below

Hydrologic Outlook for late this week into early next:

A warming trend later this week will likely jumpstart mountain snowmelt statewide

- Temperatures in the 70s to even 80s in some locations could occur

Early next week a wet system is forecast to impact much of north Central Montana and the Rocky Mountain Front

- Current forecasts indicate precipitation greater than 1 inch in 24 hours is possible
- This would be concerning if any rain falls on mountain snow or in basins that are already seeing elevated river levels

Sit on Daily Briefings

1. Number of buildings at risk of flooding in SFHA (and outside)
 - How many NFIP policies do you have?
2. Identify community buildings/evacuation centers in the SFHA
3. Identify FEMA-recognized levees or floodwalls
4. Discuss Emergency Permitting in SFHA (i.e. sandbagging)
5. Discuss Substantial Damage (assessment teams, temporary occupancy)

Emergency Permitting

1. Utilize daily briefings to ensure permits are obtained
2. Should reflect action taken, expiration date of permit, timeline, removal requirements, whether a formal floodplain permit would be needed
3. Community can use resources to build an emergency berm or contract with Army Corps to construct one

Field Reconnaissance

1. Evaluate structures SFHA structures for notifications, Substantial Damage inspections
 - What resources are available? Personnel, drones, etc.
2. Coordinate with Emergency Manager/damage assessment teams
 - Brief on SFHA location
 - Brief on buildings in SFHA, foundation types, occupancy, depth of flooding
 - Make available FIRMettes of areas impacted by flood
 - Make available inspection worksheets to assist with Substantial Damage assessments

Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Teams (by Presidential Declaration)

1. Individual Assistance (IA) Teams
 - Assistance to individuals, families, businesses, and non-profits
 - Provides temporary housing, repair money, etc.
 - Have different terms regarding severity of damage than NFIP
 - Assess damage to any structure regardless of location (in or out of SFHA)

2. Public Assistance (PA) Teams
 - Assistance to community for community-owned structures

3. State/Tribal Emergency Management coordinates with local/county Emergency Management to guide PDA teams but you should strive to be a part of the teams