

March 9, 2014 1000 Teton Flooding SitRep



Narrative

No significant changes in the flood situation in Teton County since the March 8th SitRep aside from the addition of some older reports of flooding (see Summary below). There are reports of residents picking up sand and sandbags at the Town of Jackson Public Works yard. NWS has issued a Special Weather Statement for up to 0.5" of rain below 7,000' from Sunday night into Monday. NWS-issued Flood Advisory remains in effect through 1530 today, and will likely be extended into Monday. Highs today are expected to get into the mid 40's, with temperatures in the 40's and chances for rain/snow mixes through Tuesday. The State Operations Center (SOC) has been stood up for flooding across the State. They are currently activated for 12 hour day shifts, with Duty Officer available 24/7.

Summary of flooding reports in Teton County/Town of Jackson from 3/4/14 through 0900 on 3/9/14:

- 3/4 – 3/6: Rockslides on South Park Loop between Gregory Ln and Middle School due to snowmelt, road closed several times but has since reopened.
- 3/5: Secondhand reports from Teton County Road & Levee of several homes in Hoback area getting flooded basements.
- 3/5: Property owner on butte above Flat Creek Inn experiencing flooding of living spaces due to snowmelt runoff from uphill. Requested sandbags and sand.
- 3/5: Bridger-Teton National Forest housing area on Nelson Dr experiencing flooding of multiple living spaces. Requested sandbags and sand.
- 3/6: Several residences on Cache Creek Dr near Bar-T-5 were experiencing flooding due to the May Ditch overflowing. Town Of Jackson employees checked the situation that evening, and by Friday 3/7 the water began to recede.
- 3/6: Spring Creek Animal Hospital reports snowmelt is coming down off of East Gros Ventre Butte and coming in through the walls and floors of the facility. Using two pumps to mitigate flood waters. The water had penetrated into the building up to the receptionist's desk. By 3/7, water had receded but one exam room was still out of order.
- 3/6: JH Gun Club experiencing flooding of many range facilities and workshop. Handling it themselves with heavy equipment, but they are concerned about water flow from the Gun Club onto S Highway 89.
- 3/6: Several property managers/owners running pumps on Gregory Ln to move flood waters away from apartments.
- 3/6: Community Recycling site at Hoback needed to be relocated due to flooding.
- 3/6: Teton County Search & Rescue building hangar experienced minor flooding on 3/6, has since been pumped out, no effect on equipment or operational readiness. Road & Levee inspected Batch Plant Rd for washout issues, appears to be safe.
- 3/7: Resident on Grouse Dr across from Camp Creek Inn experiencing flooding of basement, requested sandbags and sand; is currently running several pumps. Secondhand report from resident is that Spotted Horse Ranch is also running pumps and is flooding.
- 3/7: UPS Depot on Gregory Ln reporting ponding of floodwaters in parking lot. Not directly affecting facilities as of Friday.
- 3/8: Flat Creek Inn reports having 9 rooms flooded. Concerned about rising temperatures over the weekend.

Summary of actions being taken:

- Emergency Management is requesting and recording reports from the public experiencing flooding to see if there are any "hotspots" in the County/Town.
- Emergency Management is working with the National Weather Service to ensure they are aware of ground-truth reports of flooding and is assisting them with development of flood statements.
- Emergency Management is providing Situation Reports (SitReps) to the State Operations Center (SOC) to help provide them with situational awareness for prioritizing resource needs across the State. It still appears that

Washakie County and Bighorn Counties are the hardest hit with flooding at this time, with Lincoln being the third hardest. My estimate is that Teton County is likely the 4th priority in the State with our current situation.

- Teton County Road & Levee and TOJ Public Works have both made sand and sandbags available to the public. Our County stockpile sits at approximately 29,000 bags.
- Emergency Management is working with the Teton Conservation District to make the public aware of consulting services that they can offer to those experiencing flooding to help with soil erosion and flood protection.
- County PIO Charlotte Reynolds put out a press release on Friday to help prepare the public for the warming trend we expect to see this weekend.
- NWS Riverton has issued a Special Weather Statement for up to 0.5" of rain below 7,000' from Sunday night into Monday. Emergency Management has notified County Engineer, Town Engineer, County Road & Levee Superintendent, and Town Public Works Director.
- Emergency Management is posting relevant press releases and flood weather information to TCEM Facebook and Twitter pages.

Map

See attachment below for Google Earth file of flooding locations:



20140309 Teton Flood SitRep map.kmz

Photos



3/6 JH Gun Club flooding and erosion



3/6 JH Gun Club workshop flooding, post cleanup



3/6 Town of Jackson Public Works snow berm construction for rockslide mitigation on South Park Loop Rd



3/7 Teton County Road & Levee public sandbag filling station