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Daily Briefings will be paused for the weekend. Briefings will resume on Monday, 06/25/222

Evening Update:

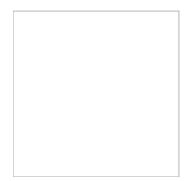
- Tourism Reliant Business Flood Assistance Grants have been created in response to the economic impact to tourism reliant businesses in Montana affected by the historic flooding in the counties of Carbon, Park and Stillwater. Visit https://commerce.mt.gov for more information.
- Yellowstone River is closed downstream of Livingston between the Hwy 89N Bridge and Sheep Mountain fishing access sites due to a downed power pole.
- A Gardiner Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC) will be held this Saturday, 06/25/22 at the Gardiner School from <u>2-5pm</u>. County residents can be connected with relief organizations.
- Green waste from the flood will be accepted at the Chico green boxes beginning today 06/24/22 from 10am-4pm until further notice. Trash is not accepted.
- Silver Gate's water has been deemed <u>safe</u> for consumption by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality. Homes, restaurants, and other structures that are connected to Gardiner's public water supply can resume normal use. Structures connected to private wells should follow Health Department guidance.

- Some residences in Silver Gate continue having issues with Centurylink landline service. The issue is being worked on.
- FedEx service to Cooke City and Silver Gate has not fully resumed.
- A backlog of UPS packages is scheduled to arrive in Cooke City and Silver Gate today, 06/24/22. Daily deliveries are hopefully scheduled to begin Monday, 06/27/22.
- Cinnabar Basin Road will be closed to all traffic from Monday, 6/27 Friday 7/01, 7am 4pm for repairs.
- The Point of Rocks Bridge on Hwy 89S has been reopened. Work on guardrails is ongoing.
- The 89N Highway bridge is safe for travel but its status could change depending on any future movement on the train bridge.
- Flood Recovery Information Guide is being distributed county wide. Digital copies can be found on the flood Facebook page as well as the Park County website.

Water Update

If you are on a private well and have questions about water safety or testing, please call the Park County Health Department 406-222-4145.

Flood Damage Form: Flood impacted residents in Park County are strongly encouraged to **fill out a Personal Property Damage Form as soon as possible.** Any flood-related damage, physical or economic, should be recorded. The assessment form will be used to determine potential eligibility for resources from the federal or state government. The more self-assessments that can be completed, the better the state can coordinate available resources. All residents that have been impacted by the flood, regardless of the level of damage, are encouraged to fill out the self-assessment here or by using a camera to scan the QR code (to right). You may also call 406-222-4131 for help filling out the form.



<u>Scams</u>: Following a natural disaster many organizations and committed citizens come together to try and meet the needs of the affected individuals and communities. Unfortunately, disasters often bring out criminals who prey on the needs of disaster survivors by offering fraudulent services.

If you suspect anyone – an inspector, disaster survivor, or someone posing as one of these – of fraudulent activities, call the FEMA toll-free Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721, or Park County Sheriff's Office at 406-222-2050.

Volunteer Tracking: It is critical that volunteer hours, donations and equipment use (pumps, hoses, skid steers, even brooms, etc.) be recorded for FEMA compliance. It is also critical that the work done is being detailed. FEMA-compliant forms for volunteer and equipment tracking can be found on Park County's flood information page at https://www.parkcounty.org/Government-Departments/Emergency-Services/.

Contact Info

For all non-emergency questions, call the Park County Information Hotline at 406-222-4131. This hotline will be open 8 AM to 5 PM.

Updates are posted throughout the day at the Park County Flooding - June 2022 Facebook page.

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