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PARK COUNTY SHERIFF ISSUES SHELTER IN PLACE ORDER

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**PARK COUNTY MONTANA:**

**JUNE 13, 2022: 6:58 p.m.**

The Park County Sheriff's Department has issued a shelter-in place order south of mile marker 52.5 on U.S. Highway 89 South until 7 a.m.

Extensive flooding throughout Park County has washed out bridges, roads, and left communities and homes isolated. It has also made drinking water unsafe in many areas.

The river is still rising near Livingston, and it is expected to crest between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday.

There are evacuations and rescues going on throughout the county, including two air lifts (up the Boulder and near Cooke City-Silver Gate) and one swift water rescue (along U.S. Highway 89 South). Two Bear Air and the National Guard are assisting with the air rescues. Park County Search and Rescue is assisting with the swift water rescue.

Here's what you need to know, according to the Park County Sheriffs Department and the Park County Emergency Operations Center:

**Gardiner isolated, with Do Not Drink order**

Gardiner is currently isolated and surrounded by water.

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has issued a Do Not Drink order for water in the area after a water main has broken in the area.

U.S. Highway 89 South in Yankee Jim Canyon has water on the road.

The road between Gardiner and Mammoth has washed out in several places.

**Cooke City, Silver Gate isolated**

Cooke City and Silver Gate are currently isolated and surrounded by water. The communities are isolated from each other.

Many wells in the area and throughout Park County have been submerged or compromised. The Park County Health Department encourages anyone with questions to contact them at 406-222-4131.

If you have a well, and it is submerged by flood water or the water appears to be compromised, the water may not be safe to consume.

This is especially true for people who are immunocompromised or an infant.

**Paradise Valley:** Stay put, if you're safe

The Park County Sheriff's Department has issued a shelter-in place order south of mile marker 52.5 on U.S. Highway 89 South until 7 a.m. If you are currently safe, please stay put. If you are experiencing an emergency, please call 911. There is water on the road south of this mile marker. Travel is extremely limited and unsafe in many locations. Many bridges and roads are no longer operational. Many people are landlocked, including the communities of Gardiner, Cooke City, Silver Gate, the Cinnabar Basin, Tom Miner Basin, stretches of U.S. Highway 89 South, Mill Creek, and Old Yellowstone Trail.

Mill Creek Bridge and Pine Creek Bridge are the only two operational bridges in Paradise Valley. If you're attempting to get to safety, Trail Creek Road is open for local and emergency traffic only to Interstate 90.

**Livingston evacuation, pre-evacuation orders**

An evacuation of Ninth Street Island has been completed. Some residents have chosen to stay, but the island is expected to experience severe flooding.

Much of the east side of Livingston is under a pre-evacuation order. This includes from B Street east and Lewis Street south. In this area, please prepare for flooding.

**How to get help:**

If it is an emergency, call 911.

All non-emergency questions should go to 406-222-4131.

An emergency shelter has been activated at Hope Lutheran Church at 2152 Graf Street in Bozeman. Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-272-6668.

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