

Fact Sheet

Carbon County Floods 6/15/22



Flood Information Line: 406-426-2425

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/8161/69100/>

Facebook: Carbon Alert

Start date: June 12, 2022

Location: Carbon County

Cause: Snow melt and recent precipitation

****Unsafe conditions remain in the flooded area; the public is urged to stay away from closed areas. Reports of the public accessing unsafe areas continue to be a concern for law enforcement. Many roads, streets and sidewalks are unstable and could give way. Please avoid the area.****

****UPDATE ON CURRENT CONDITIONS****

The Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River near Fromberg and Edgar are experiencing significant flood impacts as well as Rock Creek in Red Lodge. It is expected that water will continue to recede today. A significant warming trend is expected this Friday/Saturday and the public is urged to stay alert of changing water conditions. Public Works staff along with Montana Department of Transportation are assessing the damage due to the floods. The public is urged to stay away from the flooded and closed areas for their own safety. A boil order is still in effect for Red Lodge, Fromberg and Edgar.

Road Updates:

For updated road conditions check the MT DOT website: <https://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/alerts.aspx> and the MDT 511 App. Crews are continuing clean-up efforts on impacted roads and bridges. Highway 308 bridge in Red Lodge remains closed. Highway 212 South of Red Lodge remains closed for the foreseeable future.

Current evacuation orders in effect:

Red Lodge: Evacuation orders in Red Lodge have been lifted.

Belfry: Lover's Lane.

Fromberg: All areas east of Highway 310, south of East River Road west of the river.

Joliet: No evacuation orders are in effect at this time.

Bridger: No evacuation orders in effect at this time.

All drinking water from the tap should be boiled before use in Red Lodge, Fromberg and Edgar. Public Works has reestablished water service to parts of Red Lodge but significant damage to the infrastructure has occurred and parts of Red Lodge remain without water. Water is out in Fromberg as water pumps supplying the town were underwater.

Forest Service Closures:

An area closure is in effect for all National Forest System Lands on the Yellowstone, Gardiner and Beartooth Ranger Districts. This applies to all National Forest System Lands in Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass and Gallatin counties within the National Forest Boundary.

Planned Actions:

As water recedes, ongoing assessments of area roads/bridges will continue today. Crews are working to restore 19th Street bridge in Red Lodge; however, this road remains closed to the public. Highway 308 bridge is comprised, remains closed to the public and crews are working to restore the Highway 308 bridge. Crews will also be working on Meteteetsee bridge; however, this road remains closed to the public. Crews are working to reestablish access to the water plant today and clearing debris out of roadway in Red Lodge. Crews will be in Fromberg and Belfry today working on road access. Lover's Lane in Belfry remains closed. Northwestern Energy will be working in the area fixing gas lines and working on restoring electric poles. Bridge engineers arrived today and will be working with county road departments on assessing damage.

Evacuation Shelters:

The American Red Cross has setup evacuation shelters located at the following locations:

- Fromberg School
- Red Lodge Fairgrounds

Public Meeting:

A public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16th at Fromberg School at 6:00 PM at 319 School St, Fromberg, MT 59029. The meeting will also be lived stream to Facebook Live at the Carbon Alerts Facebook page.

Sandbags:

The public can get sandbags at the following locations, volunteers have been assisting with filling bags:

- Fromberg School
- Joliet Road Shop, 202 State Street
- Bridger Road Shop, 22 Old Mine

Weather: Seasonally cooler weather remains today with temperatures in the 60's in the lower elevations with upper elevations in 40- 50's. No significant rain is expected over the next 24-48 hours. Warmer weather is expected to arrive tomorrow and into Friday and Saturday. Water levels will potentially rise with the warmer weather moving in the region later in the week. The public is urged to remain cautious, stay alert of changing water conditions and stay clear of flooded areas.

Resources Assigned:

The Western Montana Type III Incident Management Team continues to assist local flood relief efforts. Numerous agencies are on scene including: Carbon County DES, Carbon County Sheriff's Office, Red Lodge Police Department, Red Lodge Fire & Rescue, Montana Highway Patrol, Fromberg Volunteer Fire Department, Bridger EMS, Bridger Volunteer Fire, American Red Cross, City of Red Lodge, Public Works, Forest Service, Beartooth Billings Clinic, Carbon County Public Health Department, Montana Department of Transportation, Montana FWP Game Wardens, Two Bear Air, and Montana National Guard.

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