

Fact Sheet

Carbon County Floods 6/16/22



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, please stay away from closed areas. Heavy equipment will be working in the area and many areas remain unsafe due to undercut sidewalks, roads and bridges****

The Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River near Fromberg and Edgar are experiencing significant flooding with Rock Creek in Red Lodge cresting at noon on Monday 6/13 and the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone cresting on Tuesday 6/14. East Rosebud Creek peaked near Roscoe and is receding. Highway 212 from Red Lodge north, and Highway 310 to Rockvale remains open. Road and bridge damage in the area is significant. Public Works staff, engineers along with Montana Department of Transportation are planning repairs to main routes/roads and surveying bridges.

Evacuation Shelters:

The American Red Cross has setup evacuation shelters located at Red Lodge Fairgrounds and Fromberg High School (Food and supplies only). Numerous campers are camping at the Red Lodge Fairgrounds.

Current evacuation orders in effect:

Fromberg: Evacuation order changed to evacuation warning.

Custer Gallatin NF Closure

The Custer Gallatin National Forest has closed all National Forest System Lands, including roads and trails, within Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Park and Gallatin Counties, MT within the Custer Gallatin National Forest Proclaimed Forest Boundary in the Beartooth, Yellowstone and Gardiner Ranger Districts, except the Pryor Mountain Unit of the Beartooth Ranger District.

The purpose of this order is to protect emergency personnel, public health, and imminent life safety due to widespread flooding events, roads and facility damage.

This order will be in effect from June 14, 2022, and shall remain in effect until June 24, 2022, or until the order is rescinded, whichever occurs first. Additional information on this closure order can be found on the Custer Gallatin webpage here: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notices>.

Boil Water Order

All drinking water from the tap should be boiled before use in Red Lodge, Fromberg and Edgar. Public Works has re-established water service to parts of the affected area in Red Lodge. Areas in the southeast part of Red Lodge remain without water. Additional repairs are being made to re-establish the area effected.

Red Lodge Community Update: Equipment operators stabilized the 19th St. bridge, and plan to apply road mix to make the bridge accessible for flood response efforts; the bridge is not currently open to the public. The

308 bridge was worked on and opened at 7pm last night. County crews are working on the Meeteetse Trail Bridge that has been damaged. Equipment will continue to shore up bridges and roads in the area. Highway 212 south of Red Lodge will be opened to local traffic only. Highway 308 to Bearcreek/Belfry is open. National Guard will be present to manage traffic. Federal and state-wide officials will be assessing the damage around Red Lodge, and meeting with local elected officials and the Carbon County Flood Response Incident Management Team.

Two large dumpsters are located at Red Lodge Recycling. Items damaged by the flood may be broken down to the smallest size possible and brought to the dumpsters. If dumpsters are full, do not leave items on the ground. Organic matter (i.e. tree branches) may be brought to the Red Lodge Fire Rescue Training Center, open 12-7pm, located at 228 Highway 78.

Fromberg Community Update: Water has receded, and homeowners are allowed back in their homes. The local bridge has been inspected and approved for use. The sewer plant is up and running with no major water leaks. City water is being re-established, with a single well running at this time.

Food and water are available at the Fromberg High School. Dumpsters are now located at the baseball field. Items damaged by the flood may be broken down to the smallest size possible and brought to the dumpsters. If dumpsters are full, do not leave items on the ground.

A public meeting focused on the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone will be held Thursday, June 16th at 6pm at the at the Fromberg Highschool, located at 319 School St, Fromberg, MT 59029. The meeting will also be live streamed on the Carbon Alert Facebook page.

Edgar/Rockvale Community Update: Crews are assessing why water levels are not receding in Rockvale. Road and bridge access continues to be assessed and worked on. Edgar Lagoon is being pumped out to help mitigate sewer issues.

Belfry Community Update: The bridge is being worked on tomorrow, and crews are hopeful they can complete the work in a day or two. Still working on road access to Lover's Lane.

Roscoe Community Update: County road crews plan to be in Roscoe tomorrow to assess and repair the damaged roads and bridges. Crews plan to stockpile materials in the area to complete this work.

Other Actions:

- Numerous headgates and irrigation ditches in Carbon County have been damaged. Crews will assess the damage, and work on mitigation measures to get the ditches back in operation. County residents planning to do emergency repair work on irrigation structures will need to notify the Carbon Conservation District of their intent by one of two ways. Either complete an Emergency Notification Form found on Carbon County Website <https://co.carbon.mt.us/departments/floodplain/> and submit; or call Carbon Conservation District at 406-962-3641 Ext 115 or via cell 406-930-5441.
- Helicopters may be in the area. Due to air traffic, **do not fly drones** in the area.
- The Montana National Guard has arrived to assist with traffic control where needed.
- The Army Corps of Engineers will arrive in Red Lodge tomorrow, June 17, 2022, to assist the local communities with assessing road/bridge damage.
- Sandbags have been stockpiled throughout the communities. The public can get sandbags if needed.

Resources Assigned: Western Montana Type III Incident Management Team, 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, USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Beartooth Billings Clinic, Carbon County Public Health Department, Montana Department of Transportation, Montana FWP Game Wardens, Two Bear Air, Army Corps of Engineers, and Montana National Guard.

Weather: Increased temperatures arrive today with temperatures expected in the mid-70s today. A warming trend will continue with the hottest days being Friday and Saturday with temperatures in the mid 80's in the lower elevations. No significant rain is expected over the next 48 hours. Increased water levels will potentially return with the warmer weather moving in the region later in the week.

For current information follow the Carbon Alert Facebook page or call 406-426-2425.

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