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Flood Related Incidents, Information, and Preparation in Summit County

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Summit County, UT— Summit County is reporting the following incidents, information, and preparation related to spring water runoff in the Summit County area.

Monday, May 9, 2011:

1. On the west side of Hoytsville, on West Hoytsville Road, flooding occurred between two residents' properties, flowing underneath the road into a third resident's barn. The City of Coalville responded with sandbags for the residents, and no structures were damaged.
2. A mudslide occurred Monday morning at 7494 Buckboard Drive in Pinebrook, blocking one lane of traffic. A Summit County Public Works crew responded to the scene, clearing the area within two hours.

Flood Preparation:

Summit County is preparing for flooding incidents in a variety of ways:

1. This week, Summit County Emergency Services is conducting training for county personnel in Coalville to conduct damage assessments to confirm flooding incidents and evaluate damages.
2. On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, there was an outpouring of volunteers to assist local residents with sandbagging at the Coalville Public Works yard on Industrial Park Road. About 40 volunteers from both sides of Summit County responded. The Park City Chamber Bureau invited members to participate in the sandbagging event. Volunteers included business representatives from both the East and West sides of the County, as well as an inmate work crew from the Summit County Jail, working side by side with local residents to fill approximately 1,000 sandbags. The Park City Chamber Bureau provided lunch for the volunteers. **(Photos available. See photos at**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Summit-County-Utah/174544320881> . See Park City Television's video of the volunteer event at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=voa_4XB6kLU&feature=channel_video_title.)

3. To date, Summit County has delivered approximately 1350 tons of sand to various locations around Summit County including Coalville and Oakley. This volume of sand translates into the ability to fill 53,000 sandbags.
4. Summit County Public Works is working with Geneva Construction to build rock reinforcement walls to stabilize areas of the Weber river that were severely affected by last year's flooding. In the last week, crews have been focusing on two sites. One is located ½ mile northeast of State Route 32 through the center of Oakley. In this area, in June of 2010, the river breached and water flowed down old channels and ditches covering SR 32, surrounding homes with approximately 1 foot of water. At the site, crews are building an armored rock bank that extends approximately 500 feet along a key bend in the river. The bank is anchored five feet down into the river's bank, pushes five feet thick into the bank, and raises the bank's height by approximately 2.5 feet. A similar reinforcement project is being constructed at a second site about 3 miles northeast of Oakley at another sharp bend in the river. **(Photos available)**

Chalk Creek update:

Chalk Creek is forecasted to rise Friday and through the weekend, reaching flood stage on Saturday morning. The height of water in Chalk Creek has come down from 6.6 feet on Monday morning to 5.2 feet Tuesday afternoon and 5.08 on Wednesday. However, with warm weather this week, water levels are expected to increase. Summit County expects to reach an action stage of preparedness by Friday evening, and the forecast calls for Chalk Creek near Coalville to reach the flood stage of 7 feet by Saturday morning, May 14, at approximately 10:45 a.m. At the current time, the outlook calls for water to rise to 7.4 feet by Sunday afternoon.

Summit County is an 1880 square-mile region known for the quality and variety of its natural environment, recreational and cultural identities. With a population of approximately 40,000 spread over three distinct geographical areas, Summit County is a partnership of small communities that make up a richly diverse region blending agriculture, ranching, and tourism.

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