

Park County Flooding – Evening Update – 8 PM on June 14, 2022

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## How to get help:

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

Receive real-time emergency alerts on your phone. Text your zip code to 888777 to sign up through Nixle.

Call 911 if you have an emergency. Only call 911 if it is an emergency.

All non-emergency questions should go to 406-222-4131. This hotline will be open 8 AM to 10 PM.

If you would like to volunteer, call 211.

An emergency shelter has been activated at Hope Lutheran Church at 2152 Graf Street in Bozeman. Livingston has another at the Warming Shelter at 119 S 2nd Street. Call the American Red Cross at 1-800-272-6668 or 211 for details.

## **Evening update**

To date, this incident has caused no known deaths or serious injuries. Ten rescues have been performed via aircraft and swift water rescue teams. The river near Livingston and in the Paradise Valley crested last night around 11 PM and has since receded 5 to 6 feet. Water recession is expected to continue through Thursday. Higher temperatures at the end of the week may result in a resurgence of water flow on Friday, but is not expected to reach former levels.

Previously evacuated residents were allowed back to their homes this afternoon.

Be aware of displaced wildlife that may be passing through properties. Several bears have been spotted, along with deer and some domestic livestock.

## **Roads and bridges**

Numerous repairs were completed today. Alternate route or repairs were found for all but one community. Silver Gate is now the only town inaccessible by road.

- Civilians can drive from Gardiner to Livingston on Hwy. 89 South. Travel to Gardiner is limited to local traffic and essential goods and services, and emergency personnel.
- A short section of Hwy 89 N is closed north from Interstate 90. Those needing to travel to Clyde Park and beyond will need to take the Old Clyde Park Road to connect to Hwy 89 N.
- The Ninth Street Island in Livingston remains inaccessible.
- Railroad tracks have numerous instances of water over the tracks. Rail traffic has been impacted, and in some cases shut down.
- Veterans Bridge, on Livingston's east side, is now open.
- The majority of existing bridges crossing the Yellowstone River in the Paradise Valley are now safe for use. Carters Bridge remains closed.
- The Paradise Valley can be accessed through the Trail Creek Road. This is for emergency and essential traffic only. Tom Miner can be accessed via Old Yellowstone Trail and Emigrant.
- All entrances to Yellowstone National Park are closed.
- Livingston HealthCare's emergency department has been re-opened. LHC will resume full operations on Wednesday, June 15.

As waters recede, more roads will be assessed. Bridges will be assessed as to whether they are structurally sound.

Gardiner is no longer under a "Do Not Consume" water order. A "Boil Water Advisory" is now in place. A rolling boil for one minute is recommended before consuming.

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

Hwy 89 was reopened between Livingston and Gardiner to local traffic and emergency services only. The speed limit is 35 mph. Please stay out of any areas that are marked closed.