

Gardiner Flood Update 07/01/22

Highlighted information is new to this update

YNP Limited Opening: The Northern part of the Park opens on Saturday 7/1 to foot traffic except for specific closures. The Old Yellowstone Trail between Gardiner and Mammoth is closed to bicycle and foot traffic. A limited number of pre-approved local CUA holders will be allowed to access the park through the North Entrance; these CUA holders have been directly contacted by the Park Service. The North Loop between Norris, Mammoth, Tower and Canyon opens on Saturday 7/02. The Upper Lamar Valley past Tower Junction will remain closed. A 23-mile stretch of the Beartooth Hwy from Cooke City to Ski Hill Parking Lot is now open. On Saturday 7/02 the Alternating License Plate System will be suspended at West, South, and East Entrances. See updates and restrictions at nps.gov/yell

Small Business Administration: Low-interest federal disaster loans are now available to Montana businesses and residents from the Small Business Administration. Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million. Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Go to www.SBA.gov/disaster or call 800-659-2955 for more information.

FEMA Individual Assistance: Park County residents may now register with FEMA for assistance if they had damage caused by the flooding. Visit <https://www.disasterassistance.gov> and click on “Apply Online” or call 800-621-3362. In the coming weeks FEMA will be setting up Disaster Recovery Centers in Park County to help residents apply for assistance.

Yellowstone River: The River is now open with limited access. “Exercise an abundance of caution” near the river as banks are unstable. The River is now open downstream of Livingston between the Hwy 89 N Bridge and Sheep Mountain. See <https://fwp.mt.gov/news> for more information and updates on closures.

Park County Road Repairs:

- Yankee Jim Canyon will be one-lane as road crews perform repairs from 7AM-7PM; expect 15 minute delays.
- Cinnabar Basin Road has flaggers as repairs are made from 7AM-4PM until FRIDAY, JULY 8th; the road is open to traffic.
- East River Rd. will also be under repair 5 miles north of the Hwy 89S intersection; it will remain open.

Federal Credit Union Mobile Branch: The Federal Credit Union will set up a mobile branch in the Baptist Church Parking lot on Tuesday (6/28) and Thursday(6/30) from 09:30am to 3:00pm.

Gardiner Business Update: To apply for and find more information on the \$5 million Tourism Reliant Businesses Impacted by Flooding Support Fund from the Governor’s Office, go to commerce.mt.gov. **This will be distributed until funds are expended.**

Medical Needs: MedCor Mammoth Mobile Clinic will be operating an urgent care and walk-in medical clinic in Gardiner on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 8:30am to 5pm. The clinic will be located inside the Yellowstone National Park boundary across from Yellowstone Forever. The Mobile Clinic can also help set up telehealth appointments with Mammoth Clinic. Mammoth Clinic is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30am to 5pm. Call 307-344-7965 for questions or to set up an in-person or telehealth appointment. If you have a medical emergency, call 911.

Flood related refuse: Appliances without refrigeration can be disposed of in the designated “metal” greenboxes at any refuse station. Refrigeration units must be taken to Livingston City Transfer station. Natural river debris can be disposed of at the Chico Green boxes from 10am-4pm. There are extra green boxes temporarily at Point of Rocks (at the intersection of Hwy 89 South and Old Yellowstone Trail). Look for boxes dedicated to flood-related waste from inside residential or commercial structures, such as drywall, furniture, and carpeting, for example, NOT natural river debris. If the boxes are full, DO NOT place debris on the ground – please come back another time.

National Forest Update: The Gardiner, Yellowstone, and Beartooth ranger districts have reopened with a few exceptions. In Gardiner, Yankee Jim & Joe Brown Trailhead and Bear Creek bridge over Darroch Cr. remain closed. See www.fs.usda.gov/custergallatin for more information.

Flood-Damaged Property: Please fill out a Montana Department of Emergency Services self-assessment of your property as soon as possible. You will need to provide the address, information about insurance, a description of the damage, and photographs. This information determines what types of assistance may be offered from state and federal programs to individuals. The more assessments completed, the better! Please help your friends and neighbors with assessments if they do not have computer/internet access. The form is largely an online process and found at <https://des.mt.gov> or by scanning the QR code. Call (406) 222-4131 for help filling out the form.



Property Tax Relief: If your property was damaged, you may qualify for tax relief. Fill out the form at: <https://mtrevenue.gov/publications/natural-disaster-application-form-ab-25/>

Private Wells in Gardiner: There is no requirement to test private wells. Testing is recommended if your well head was submerged or surrounded by flood waters. A limited supply of kits are available at the Chamber of Commerce. The Park City-County Health Department (406-222-4145) offers testing kits to pick up in Livingston. Water samples must be taken by the owner within 24 hours of testing at a Bozeman lab. Tests cost \$28 (cash or check to Bridger Analytical Labs) paid when the test is dropped off– financial assistance may be available. Drop tests off at the Park City-County Health Department from 8am-Noon Mondays and Wednesdays or at Bridger Analytical Labs in Bozeman during their office hours.

If your well has been infected, see the CDC’s recommendations for disinfection —————→
or call the Park City-County Health Department at (406) 222-4145

