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Hi friends, Laurel Desnick here with the Park County flood news update for June 22, 2022.

It has been 10 days since the flood arrived in Park County.

Within hours after the water began to rise, the public works departments from the City of Livingston and the County were at work to repair road damage.

Park County including through Yankee Jim Canyon to Gardiner, are now open to the public. One exception is the Cinnabar Basin Road which will be closed for repair next week, 7 am - 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

The Gardiner Public Water system is now operating normally, restaurants are open, and the community is inviting everyone to come enjoy the area.

Cooke City and Silvergate are also open for visitors. Access is over the Chief Joseph Highway to Highway 212, and the trip through Sunlight Basin is one of the most beautiful in the nation.

The Gardiner and Silvergate entrance to Yellowstone Park remain closed to the public while the Southern entrances are open. Check the Yellowstone National Park website for the most current information.

The Yellowstone River is now open, along with the Yellowstone and Gardiner Ranger Districts . A few specific campgrounds and roads remain closed due to damage and are listed on the Forest Service website.

So what's next?

Private and government assessment of flood damage to homes and businesses is well on its way.

FEMA, Montana Disaster and Emergency Service, DNRC and Floodplain Administrators are working throughout the county in the next few days.

Based on the property damage assessment completed last week, they will be looking at buildings, agricultural land, waterways, irrigation systems, roads and bridges to gather more details of the properties affected.

As we move out of the immediate emergency response and into the recovery and rebuild phase, the economic damage related to this flood is on the forefront of everyone's mind. As we all know, this harder to measure and harder to fix especially after years of COVID.

Representatives from the Federal Reserve Bank are coming to Emigrant and Gardiner on Tuesday to hear directly from those who have lost jobs and business.

Several local, state and federal programs are also looking at options to help with financial loss and economic recovery. Information will be updated as it becomes available on the Park County Emergency Services website and the Park County Flooding-June 2022 Facebook page.

We are asking everyone affected by the flood, whether it is your home, your ranchland or your livelihood, to fill out the Montana June 2022 Flood Property Damage Form, found online at

des.mt.gov. If you do not have access to the internet, call us at 406 222-4131 and we can fill it out for you. Use the comment section to describe your situation as clearly as possible.

The information from these forms, as well as the in-person assessments, will help FEMA and the State get a better understanding of the overall scale of the damage and how much help we will need for recovery.

While many are feeling exhausted and overwhelmed, hundreds of people in Park County have donated time and money for disaster relief so far.

Thank you Park County.