Thaw Continues-Sites Now Reaching Flood Stage

Map of Flood Forecast Points

Map current as of 11:00 am Monday, March 23, 2020

Check here for the latest river forecasts

Message of the Day:

- Southern RRV will start to see moderate and major flooding into early next week, primarily at Fargo and Abercrombie.
- Warmer temperatures this weekend into next week will cause snowmelt runoff to enter into the rivers and ditches with more points expected to see flooding begin.
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**Potential Impacts:**
- Gauge sites in the south basin are reaching flood stage this week.
- Action Stage is a heads up to jurisdictions that they may need to monitor river rises and close drainage flap gates as needed.

**River Basins Potentially Impacted:**
- *Red River Mainstem:* Southern portions of the Red River near Fargo are currently in flood stage, with further rises this week. Flows will gradually work northward, with Halstad expected to reach flood stage by the middle of next week.
- *ND Tributaries:* The Wild Rice River at Abercrombie is in moderate flood stage. The Maple and Sheyenne rivers at Mapleton and Harwood will reach flood stage toward the middle to end of next week.

**How to Monitor River Levels and Forecasts:**
- [NWS River Observation/Forecast Page](#)
- [NWS Grand Forks Flood Briefing Page](#)
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#### 7-Day Temperature Outlook

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Precipitation (Liquid) Outlook

Forecast precipitation included in today’s river forecasts (7 am Thursday, March 26th to 7 am Sunday, March 29th)

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Precipitation amounts beyond the river model forecast precipitation period are denoted by low, medium, or high chances of receiving the amounts indicated below.

- Low: 10%
- Medium: 40%
- High: 70%
- 100%
Message of the Day:
The thaw is expected to pick up this week into next week as temperatures climb into the 40s and 50s. Otherwise, quiet weather is expected through the forecast period.

Quick facts you should know about flooding:
• Flooding can be caused by heavy rain, rapid snow melt, ice jamming, levee overtopping, dam failure, or from wastewater systems.
• It only takes 6 inches of fast-moving water to knock you off your feet.
• A car can be moved in as little as 2 feet of water.
• 90% of all U.S. natural disasters declared by the President involve flooding.

Preparedness:
- You must purchase separate flood insurance for your home. There is a 30 day wait period between when you buy a flood insurance policy and when it goes into effect. Plan ahead!
- A Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flooding. Time to prepare!
- A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is imminent or occurring. Time to act!

Never drive into flood waters! Turn around, don’t drown!

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Bare fields with water in ditches as in the southern Red River Basin near the South Dakota border. Taken 3/23. Photo courtesy of North Dakota Department of Transportation.