

#7 Flood Mitigation Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2018

Present: Cathy Sessions, TC PIO; Sherwin Smith, CVFD/SAR; Mike Maples, PW, Choteau; Amanda Copenhaver, Benefis TMC; Paul Wick, Teton County Planning; Clint Ellsworth, TC Operations Chief ; Jim Hodgskiss, County Commissioner.

TOPICS:

Contact information:

Please send any updates to Cathy Sessions

Weather/Snowpack Updates:

6-10 Day Forecast-Above normal temp, Below normal precipitation

8-14 Day Forecast-Above normal temp., Above normal precipitation

3-4 week Forecast- Normal temp., Below normal precipitation

May -Above normal temp., Below normal precipitation

May through July -Normal temp., Below normal precipitation

Soil Moisture – Drought Monitor

Soil moisture for the county is above normal.

Stream Flow

South Fork of Teton	733 cfs
Spring Hill	68.82 cfs
Teton East of Dutton	510 cfs
Hwy 221	379 cfs
Deep Creek@Pishkun Rd	193cfs

Snow water equivalent

Mount Lockhart 147

Waldron NA

Basin Index (%)

BTMC: Amanda Copenhaver stated that the hospital's MOU was approved at the Mormon Church. The Red Cross will set up a shelter in the gym and BTMC will use the other area for an emergency room and clinic

Road Closures

2 to date. Check the website for updates.

City of Choteau: The ground water level is rising and Mike is trying to keep on top of it.

Animal Shelter:

Bright Eyes will shelter cats and dogs should that become a need. Animals would have to be in crates (cats) and have ID and shot records. They have room for 8 large dogs, but would set up an outdoor area with tarps if needed. Terrie Nylund would prefer to use her trained volunteers and forms. Question was asked about arrangements of those animals that do not have shot records.

Teton Historic Site:

Paul Wick reported that Teton County does extend down to the Sun River with all away from the river bank except one that is in danger of being flooded. It is a historical site located on the south side by the bridge just after the intersection of Hwy 200 and the Fairfield/Simms cut across road.

Water Rights Commission:

A Declaration of Emergency is being written to present to the District Court Judge for a signature to the effect of utilizing all sources of water drainages to help absorb the increased amount of water flow. Kelly Hirsch will be invited to the next meeting for input and updates.

NEXT MEETING: PENDING AS COUNTY STATUS LEVEL CHANGES