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PRESS RELEASE

HSEM URGES RESIDENTS TO PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL FLOODING

CONCORD, N.H. – Rain is expected through Monday and significant river rises are expected due to snowmelt from recent warmth and runoff from rainfall. Minor river flooding is likely and moderate river flooding is possible.

Residents should remain alert for flooding of small rivers and stream and avoid driving on flooded roadways.

The National Weather Service has posted flood warnings for the Pemigewasset River at Woodstock from this afternoon through this evening, minor flooding is forecast.

“A flood warning is issued when flooding is imminent or already happening,” HSEM Director Perry Plummer said.

The National Weather Service has posted flood watches for Carroll, Coos, and Grafton counties through Tuesday morning, April 16, 2019.

“A flood watch means there is potential for flooding based on the current forecasts,” Plummer continued. “Be alert for possible flood warnings and those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop.”

Plummer also offered the following recommendations:

- Monitor local conditions, particularly in areas that have flooded before.
- Heed evacuation requests from local public safety officials.
- Do not drive through flood waters on roadways.
- Report power outages to your electric utility.
- Stay clear of downed power lines and assume they are live. Call your utility, police or fire department to report downed power lines.
- Check on the welfare of elderly or handicapped relatives or neighbors.
- Visit ReadyNH.gov to learn what to do to stay safe.

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