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PRESS RELEASE

NWS ISSUES FLOOD WARNINGS, HSEM URGES RESIDENTS TO BE PREPARED

CONCORD, NH – The National Weather Service in Gray has issued several Flood Warnings in New Hampshire. Flood Watches remain in effect in other parts of Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, Merrimack, Cheshire and Sullivan counties. The entire State of New Hampshire is currently under a Hazardous Weather Outlook.

“A flood warning is issued when flooding is imminent or already occurring,” HSEM Assistant Director Jennifer Harper said. “If advised to evacuate, do so immediately.”

“A flood watch means there is potential for flooding based on the current forecasts,” Harper continued. “Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop.”

The National Weather Service in Gray issued the following Flood Warnings:

- The Ammonoosuc River at Bethlehem until late Saturday night.
- The Pemigewasset River at Woodstock until Sunday afternoon.
- The Saco River at Conway until late Sunday night.
- The Androscoggin River at Gorham from this evening until Sunday evening.
- The Pemigewasset River at Plymouth from this evening until late Sunday night.
- The Connecticut River near Dalton from this evening until further notice.
- The Connecticut River at North Stratford from late tonight until Sunday morning.
- The Connecticut River at Wells River/Woodsville from Monday morning until further notice.

Widespread minor to moderate flooding is possible. Residents should remain alert for flooding of small rivers and streams and urban street flooding and avoid driving on flooded roadways.

Harper also offered the following recommendations:

- Have what you need and know what to do to be safe.
- 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. Adjust speeds for road conditions – even ponding on roadways can be hazardous.
- 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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