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NWS ISSUES FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS, HSEM URGES RESIDENTS TO BE PREPARED

CONCORD, N.H. – The National Weather Service in Gray, ME has posted a flash flood warning for west central Cheshire County until 9:15 PM 8/7/2019.

NWS reports that Doppler radar indicated thunderstorms producing heavy rain across the warned area. Up to 2 inches of rain have already fallen. Flash flooding is expected to begin shortly.

“A flash flood warning is issued when flash flooding is occurring,” HSEM Director Jennifer Harper said. “Residents should remain alert and heed evacuation requests from local public safety officials.”

A number of power outages are reported in the area. Residents are encouraged to call your utility providers to report the outage. Stay clear of downed power lines and assume they are live. Call 9-1-1 to report downed power lines.

Do not drive through floodwaters on roadways.

Additional warnings and watches are likely to affect other parts of New Hampshire as this storm moves through the state. Residents are encouraged to remain informed by monitoring weather alerts from the National Weather Service.

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.
- Adjust speeds for road conditions – even ponding on roadways can be hazardous.
- 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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