

NPTEC DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

****UPDATE****

The Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee has declared a state of emergency due to heavy flooding on and near the Nez Perce Reservation. As creeks and rivers continue to rise, it is anticipated flooding will continue and worsen; which can lead to landslides, rock slides, and mudslides. It is supposed to continue raining throughout the day.

If you are in a flood zone or located at a low elevation near water, please be prepared to evacuate. Pack only belongings that are necessary (change of clothes, medication, toiletries, etc.). The Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai and the Wa-A'Yas Community Center in Kamiah are shelters with supplies. Please utilize those establishments if needed. Also, do not forget to turn off your propane tanks.

Families, please check on your loved ones. Your assistance in helping with children and the elderly is greatly appreciated.

If you can donate food or supplies, please drop them off at one of the community centers.

Sandbags are available at the Pi-Nee-Waus Community Center in Lapwai and the Wa-A'Yas Community Center in Kamiah.

For more information contact Rebecca for the Pi-Nee-Waus (208)791-7732 or rebeccam@nezperce.org and Etta for the Wa-A'Yas (208)935-5261.

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Staff and volunteers will be loading and laying sandbags in areas of major concern first, and moving to other areas from there. Volunteers are needed if you are available please contact Rebecca Miles at (208)791-7732 or rebeccam@nezperce.org. NPTEC has allowed for staff to volunteer during work hours, while on the clock, with supervisor approval.

A first location for loading sandbags is at the Appaloosa Bus Barn (44335 US Highway 95 Lapwai, ID 83540). They are in need of volunteers now, folks available can head straight there.

If you need assistance, please call Whitcom dispatch Lapwai- (208)843-5214 Kamiah- (208)935-7777. If it is an emergency, call 911.

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