

North Central Flood Resources

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National Weather Service

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- **Marty Whitmore**, Missoula Warning Coordination Meteorologist
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1) Resources and Assistance

- a) NWS Public Websites
- b) River forecasts and other river gages on Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS) <http://water.weather.gov>
- c) Local Weather Forecasts
 - i) Spokane www.weather.gov/spokane
 - ii) Missoula www.weather.gov/missoula
- d) Weather Forecasts for Mobile Devices: <http://innovation.srh.noaa.gov/NWSwidget>
- e) Northwest River Forecast Center: www.nwrfc.noaa.gov

2) NWS Online Resources for Emergency Management Community & Media

- a) iNWS (text message warnings & mobile-friendly interface) & AHPS Mobile (request approval): <http://inws.wrh.noaa.gov>
- b) NWSChat (request approval): <https://nwschat.weather.gov/>

3) Other Resources for Emergency Management Community & Media

- a) Email Warnings: Contact the Office
- b) Weather Briefings (Contact the Office for more info)

- c) Internet and Phone Briefings
- d) Follow Up Email with Slides and Web Cast
- e) Additional Briefings on Request
- f) *Consultation/Clarification 24/7*
 - i) **Spokane** *509-244-0537* (Unlisted number – not for general public)
 - ii) **Missoula** *406-329-4718* (Unlisted number – not for general public)

4) NWS general office contact info

- a) Spokane 509-244-0110
- b) Missoula 406-329-4840

US Army Corps of Engineers – Regulatory Division

Regulatory Division: [Walla Walla District Regulatory Division \(army.mil\)](http://www.army.mil)

Regulatory Division Boundaries: [NWW-RD_AOREMAILINBOXMAP_20210421.PDF \(defense.gov\)](http://www.defense.gov)

Main Office (Boise):

- CENWW-RD@usace.army.mil; Boise.office@usace.army.mil
(208) 433-4464

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- CENWW-RD-CDA@usace.army.mil
(208) 433-4474/4475/4476

Emergency Management Branch

- **Duty Officer**, 24-hour contact
CENWW-EOC@usace.army.mil
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- **Rob Herres**, Disaster Response Manager (Walla Walla District)
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1) Authorities and Responsibilities

- a) USACE involvement in flooding requires pre-planning as well as annual pre-flooding coordination. This is necessary because USACE is not a first response agency, and must mobilize personnel and resources before deploying people to the incident. This can take 1 to 3 days, depending on the circumstances and actual pre-incident coordination.
- b) USACE flood response support is supplemental. There must be a reasonable effort by non-Federal governments to respond prior to full USACE mobilization. Further, USACE does not conduct flood response operations for non-Federal governments. Walla Walla District plugs into the local Incident Management Team to support operations and planning. Incident Command remains the responsibility of the supported government.
- c) Flood response support ranges from pre-seasonal planning to limited repairs of damaged flood control structures. With some exceptions, the cost is 100% Federal.

2) Types of Assistance

- a) Technical Advice. Walla Walla District will answer specific questions for officials, to the best of our ability.

- b) **Material Assistance.** Under most circumstances, Walla Walla District will issue sandbags to non-Federal governments, and maintains a small stockpile at all times; return of unused bags or reimbursement may be required. USACE can loan pumps for dewatering operations, but the District does not stockpile any, and these would have to be rented as needed.
 - c) **Technical Assistance.** Walla Walla District will deploy an individual or task force to develop contingency plans, recommend flood fight tactics, identify resources, make technical recommendations, conduct technical research, and in general assist non-Federal governments prior to or during flood incidents.
 - d) **Direct Assistance.** Walla Walla District will deploy a task force to support ongoing flood response operations with construction and material services. This includes, but is not limited to, making temporary repairs on flood control works, and building temporary protective structures. There must be a project sponsor for direct assistance. The project sponsor must be able to assume liability for USACE operations, and execute a Cooperative Agreement to that effect. In addition, the public sponsor is responsible for providing any necessary real estate agreements at its own expense, prior to any work starting, as well as meeting all regulatory requirements (e.g., environmental permits). Further, at no cost to USACE, when the operation is over, the sponsor will remove all temporary work constructed by USACE, or agree to upgrade the work to standards acceptable to USACE.
- 3) **Costs:**
- a) Technical and Direct Assistance costs are 100% Federal.
 - b) Material Assistance may require reimbursement for sandbag issues.
 - c) Contact Information:
 - i) The 24-hour contact number is 509-380-4538.
 - ii) They would like as much advance notice as possible.

[Idaho Department of Water Resources](#)

- Website: <https://www.idwr.idaho.gov/streams/>
 - Stream channel alteration permits
 - Emergency flood control work
- **Emily Barnes**, Stream Channel Protection Specialist (North Region Office)
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(208) 762-2814

1) **Authorities and Responsibilities**

- a) The IDWR has jurisdiction, under the Stream Protection Act, for any alteration below or within the mean high-water marks of a continuously flowing stream in Idaho. This means a permit is required before the alteration is performed.
- b) However, during an imminent threat to life or property the department can/may issue an emergency permit. The emergency permit to do this work is limited to the amount of work needed to do what is necessary to save the life or property. If additional work is needed after the emergency subsides, a "normal" Joint Application for Permit is required.
- c) The department has an emergency permit we can issue on-site, if we are able to be at the site. We can also receive emergency permits by fax or digitally.
- d) If an emergency takes place and an IDWR employee is not available after hours or on weekends, the work should still take place to save the life and/or property and the

IDWR should be contacted as soon as possible thereafter so we can issue an after-the-fact permit and review the completed project.

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

- Website: www.deq.idaho.gov
- **John Cardwell**, DEQ Regional Administrator (Lewiston Office)
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(208) 799-4370

1) Authorities/Responsibilities

- a) The Idaho DEQ has regulatory authority of public drinking water and wastewater facilities in Idaho, and therefore oversees the performance of these facilities.
- b) In the case of a flood event the DEQ may provide coordination with regulated public drinking water systems for alternative potable water supplies, public outreach and compliance assistance. Compliance assistance, if it involves a contamination outbreak, may be done in consultation and coordination with Public Health Department(s).
- c) In the case of a flood event the DEQ may provide coordination with wastewater facilities to address increased inflow and infiltration.
- d) In case of hazardous waste spills the DEQ can provide regulatory oversight of the “management, collection and/or disposal of waste”.
- e) DEQ staff also provide review of “environmental impact(s) of proposed emergency operations and suggest alternative methods or actions to minimize environmental damage”, as described in the Idaho Emergency Operations Plan Incident Annex #1.
- f) As a service to water and wastewater utilities, the Idaho DEQ provides an internet platform for the Idaho Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (IDWARN). IDWARN is a voluntary network with a mutual aid agreement and meets NIMS requirements.
- g) DEQ also performs 401 certification review.

- 2) Limitations/Notification/Activation – DEQ does not have clean-up equipment, or response capabilities. DEQ is equipped with limited capability for environmental monitoring and have some staff trained for basic ICS system. DEQ staff are activated through Idaho State Comm and through citizen complaints.

Idaho Department of Corrections

- Website: www.idoc.idaho.gov
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1) Authorities and Responsibilities

- a) Givens Hall Vocational Work Projects was originally created in the mid 1990's to provide trained wildland firefighting crews to north central Idaho and beyond. From there our mission expanded to providing inmate labor to federal, state, county, tribal, and city

governments as well as non-profit (501 C3) organizations. Our crews work a wide variety of jobs including trail work for the US Forest Service, setting up and take down for events at the U of I Kibbie Dome & dorm cleaning, replacing roofs for the Lewiston School District, hang & remove Christmas lights at the Lewiston Locomotive Park, variety of work for the Department of Transportation, and labor for numerous vendors (concrete, framing, drywall, masonry, roofing, siding, painting, landscaping, demolition, & etc).

2) Types of Assistance

- a) In an emergency situation, like a flood, we provide inmate labor. Usually it would be filling and stacking sand bags. However, our inmates are trained in a multiple of other areas that can help in an emergency. We have trained sawyers (Faller A and Faller B certified). Many of all our inmates are certified flaggers and CPR/First Aid certified.
- b) To have us just a phone call away, we need to have executed agreements in place. Get with us.

3) Crew Dispatch

- a) Our standard inmate crew consists of 10/12 inmates and one supervising officer. We roll out one van with a trailer and porta-potty.
- b) We have at our disposal chainsaws, pole saws, brushers (strings & blades), shovels, pulaskis, & etc.
- c) We can spend multiple nights on an emergency as that the inmates have tents and sleeping bags. However, if this is requested we would need to know as soon as possible so we can set up a night security officer (stand watch over the sleeping inmates).
- d) As a crew leaves the facility, we usually issue the inmates a lunch. If they are out for longer than a standard day, we expect the IC/logistics to organize a proper feeding of the crew.

4) Current charges (subject to change)

- a) DAY CREW: 12 inmate crew with officer - \$7 per hour per inmate. The time starts from departure from the facility to arrival back.
- b) Transportation - \$1 per mile for the van; 30 cents per mile for the trailer; \$10 a day for the porta potty. Chainsaws, pole saws, brushers, are \$2.50 per operating hour.
- c) We have flexibility in crew sizes; however, hourly inmate costs will vary depending on crew size. FY23: Twelve (12) man crew, \$7.00/hour per resident; 10 to 11-man crew, \$8.40/hour resident; 8 to 9-man crew, \$10.50/hour per resident; 6 to 7-man crew, \$14/hour per resident.

- 5) **Dangers:** If you use inmate labor in an emergency you must not send them into areas of danger that you would not send others into. An inmate has the authority to refuse to follow an order if he feels the duty is too dangerous. The officer can pull the crew from the situation if he/she feels it is too dangerous.

Idaho Transportation Department

- Website: www.itd.idaho.gov
- **Michael Ahlers**, Lewiston Office
Mike.ahlers@itd.idaho.gov
(208) 799-4208

1) Authorities/Responsibilities

- a) The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD), District Two, is responsible for the State & Federal Highway Systems in the following counties of Idaho: Latah, Nez Perce, Clearwater, Lewis and Idaho.
- b) Within these five counties ITD has Maintenance Sheds at Bovill, Craigmont, Fleming, Grangeville, Kendrick (unmanned), Kooskia, Lewiston, Lucile, Moscow, Orofino, Potlatch, Powell, Reed's Bar (unmanned) and Weippe.

2) Types of Assistance

- a) Most of these ITD maintenance sheds have some anti-skid stockpiles (3/8" minus material) that could be used in sand-bagging operations, but not as much as in the past, since now salt is used more often during winter operations. ITD has a few other stockpiles throughout the district that are not at maintenance sheds.
- b) ITD has several areas where rip-rap material is stored in minor quantities and could be used in emergency situations.
- c) At the ITD Maintenance Sheds or in the vicinity of them is equipment such as end dump (seasonal) trucks, front end loaders, backhoes. ITD District 2 has two large excavators and two mini-excavators districtwide.
- d) Two Dynamic "fix mounted" signs are located on US-95 Milepost 311. One is used to inform the traveling public Northbound on US-95 and Westbound on US-12. The other is used to inform the traveling public Southbound on US-95 and Eastbound on US-12. These signs can be used to inform the traveling public that roads are closed or what they should expect if they are not closed. These signs are controlled by State Communications.
- e) ITD-District 2 also has **10** "Mobile" Dynamic Message Signs that can be placed anywhere along a highway if sufficient space to park them exists. Other signs and barricades for closing roads can be found at ITD maintenance sheds along with other Traffic Control Devices such as barrels and cones.
- f) ITD has two way radio communication capabilities in almost all vehicles, plus has a couple dozen hand held radios. ITD's dispatch is provided by STATE COMMUNICATIONS (aka: State Comm) at 1-208-632-8000.
- g) ITD-District 2 has a "call out" list of employees to call if the need arises to man barricades, in regard to Federal or State highway systems.

Idaho State Police

- Website: www.isp.idaho.gov
- **Captain Richard Adamson**, Region Two Commander (Lewiston Office)
Richard.Adamson@isp.idaho.gov
(208)799-9301

1) Authorities/Responsibilities

- a) Our primary role will be for the safety of all those travelling on the highway system.

2) Types of Assistance

- a) During an emergency related to weather/flooding/fires and or other disasters, the Idaho State Police in Region Two (Clearwater, Latah, Lewis, Idaho, & Nez Perce Counties) can assist with evacuations and road closures.
- b) At the invitation of IOEM and or the County Government (through the County Sheriff), the Idaho State Police may provide manpower resources.

- 3) **Requests for the Idaho State Police** assistance can be made at 799-5144. The type of assistance needed must be specific and factual so an appropriate decision and response can be made.

American Red Cross (ARC)

- Website: www.redcross.org
- **Autumn St Amand**
 1. **Always call this number first for assistance: 1-800-853-2570**
 2. Boise office – 1-800-853-2570
 3. Area chapter cell phone – (208)519-6675

1) Description of Assistance

- a) The American Red Cross is led by VOLUNTEERS. They only have only 1 paid disaster staff person in the entire state. ARC is not a government agency; they rely on the donations of the American public in order to provide services. ARC is mandated by Congress to provide shelter and feeding. ARC volunteers are not FIRST responders. In a flood situation, their clients are the evacuees or potential victims of flooding.
- b) The primary initial focus would be SHELTERING - they have established Shelter agreements in place in all 7 counties (Nez Perce, Lewis, Idaho, Clearwater, Latah, Garfield and Asotin)
- c) ARC volunteers are Disaster trained..... From Shelter Operations, to Client Services, to psychological first aid, to CPR/FA, Mass Care (feeding, sheltering), Logistics, many of us have the ICS training, etc.
- d) Services: Set up shelter, feeding if necessary, and depending on how long the disaster occurred, provide Client Services (food, clothing - if those items were lost in disaster). We would also be providing Health Services and Disaster Mental Health counseling.
- e) Equipment: Trailer in Lewiston with cots and blankets to set up a 100-person shelter

2) Activation

- a) ARC is activated via County Emergency Coordinator(s) request or in the event of 30 or more affected residents.

3) Limitations

- a) The main limitation could be getting **enough** volunteers in the right place depending on where the shelter was set up and size of disaster. We may need to reach out to the entire state for assistance from other Red Cross volunteers. We have 11 very active volunteers in the Lewiston/Moscow area.

Nez Perce Tribe Forestry & Fire Management Division

- Website: www.nezperce.org
- **Jeff Handel**, Fire Management Officer
jeffh@nezperce.org
(208) 621-4670

1) Description of Assistance

- a) The Nez Perce Tribe Fire Management Officer is a Type 3 Incident Commander and will be willing to help create an ICS structure in the event of a flood.
- b) The Fire Management Officer could also assist by bringing in team members who are accustomed to working within the ICS system.

Idaho Office of Emergency Management

- Website: www.ioem.idaho.gov
- **Ryan Bender**, North Central Area Field Officer
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(208) 559-3401

1) Disaster Declaration Process

- a) Local
- b) County / Tribe
- c) State
- d) Federal

2) Cost Recovery (Document – Document – Document)

- a) State only Disaster
 - i) Category A (Debris Removal) and B (Emergency Protective Measures) only.
 - ii) State Share determined for each disaster
- b) Eligibility
 - i) Local declaration
 - ii) Severe budget impacting ability to provide essential services
 - iii) Request for specific assistance
 - iv) State review and approval of request
 - v) State Signed Mission Assignment or Project Agreement
- c) Eligible Work
 - i) Located within a disaster declared county
 - ii) Legal responsibility of the applicant
 - iii) Required as a result of the State declared disaster event
 - iv) Emergency repairs (not permanent)
 - v) Not the responsibility of another federal agency
 - vi) Comply with State and local requirements for procurement
 - vii) Must be within the declared incident period

viii) In accordance with the defined mission assignment or project agreement scope of work

3) Federal Declaration Types and IOEM point of contact

- a) Individual Assistance (IA) – Jarod Dick 208-258-6515
 - i) Disaster assistance is money or direct assistance to individuals, families and businesses in an area whose property has been damaged or destroyed and whose losses are not covered by insurance
- b) Public Assistance (PA) – Jarod Dick 208-258-6515
 - i) Assistance to State, Tribal and local governments, and certain types of Private Nonprofit organizations (Fed 75%, Non-Fed 25%)

County and Tribal Emergency Management

Clearwater County Emergency Management

- **Don Gardner**
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Idaho County Emergency Management

- **Jerry Zumalt**
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Latah County Disaster Services

- **Mike Neelon**
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Lewis County Emergency Management

- **Bob West**
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Nez Perce County Emergency Management

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Nez Perce Tribe Emergency Management

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