

Park County Flooding Update – June 18, 2022



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The Montana County Assist Team (CAT) has finished the preliminary property and infrastructure damage assessment on behalf of Park County. This preliminary flood damage assessment estimated that out of the 437 structures assessed (which include infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and powerlines):

- **28 structures were completely destroyed**, including 8 bridges, 7 roads, and 3 residences.
- **127 structures were partially destroyed** (moderate to major damage), including 76 residences, 16 commercial buildings, 8 roads, and 3 bridges.
- **201 were damaged** (superficial to minor damage), including 126 residences, 22 commercial buildings, 7 roads, and 3 bridges.
- **81 were undamaged.**

Based on the preliminary assessment, Silver Gate, Allenspur, and southeast Livingston appear to have sustained the most damage. Scattered damage throughout the river and eastside drainages have been documented; efforts continue to refine and assess the damages.

The assessment included both ground-truthing and drone missions for properties not easily accessible. This preliminary assessment is an important component of the Federal Disaster Declaration, which was approved 6/16/22 and will supplement Montana state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in affected areas.

Flood impacted residents in Park County are strongly encouraged to **fill out a self-assessment of their property as soon as possible**. Data from this assessment will be used to determine potential eligibility for additional resources through federal or state channels. This survey will be important for determining what types of assistance programs may be available to residents. The more self-assessments that can be completed, the better the state can coordinate available resources. All homeowners, regardless of the level of damage, are encouraged to fill out the self-assessment [here](#) or by using camera to scan the QR code (to right).



Figure 1: QR Code for Self-Assessment

County and state road crews continue to assess, repair, and improve roads and bridges across the area.

Warm weather this weekend is causing some increase in river levels but is not expected to reach flood stage. Use caution near flowing water and potentially undercut riverbanks. Live stream gage data is available here for [Corwin Springs](#), and here near [Livingston](#). The Yellowstone River is closed in Park County

to all recreational use due to public safety risks caused by extremely high water levels, endangered and failing infrastructure, flooded and impassible access roads, and limited availability of search and rescue resources.

Emergency managers are establishing a **Multi-Agency Resource Center** where resources will be available to help you recover and clean up at an in-person event. There will be onsite resources that can help answer questions, offer services, and distribute supplies received from nonprofits and support organizations. The first event will be held in Livingston at the fairgrounds on 6/21/22 from 2:00-7:00. There will be an additional event held in Gardiner and details will be provided in the near future.

If you have services or supplies to donate, please call 2-1-1. Homeowners may also call (406) 201-1173 to connect with the *Crisis Cleanup*, a collaborative disaster work order management platform that can connect impacted homeowners with recovery resources. If you want to support residents, consider donating to the Southwest Montana Flood Relief Fund by texting Flood22 to 41444 or go to www.greatergallatinunitedway.org.

Roads and Bridges

The road from Cooke City/Silver Gate to Cody, WY is currently open. All entrances to Yellowstone National Park remain closed. All open roads between Livingston and Gardiner are for local and essential traffic only. You can find a map of current road and bridge closures [here](#).

Road Closures include:

- Closed at 416 Cinnabar Basin Road due to erosion
- Hwy 89 N from Interstate 90 to Convict Grade Road
- Hwy 89 S from Emigrant to Point of Rocks
- 9th St. Island in Livingston
- Please avoid the trails through Sacajawea Park in Livingston and the Myers River Trail due to saturated ground and undercut banks.

Road closures will be reassessed on Monday.

Water Update

A “Boil Water Advisory” is in place in Gardiner and Silver Gate. For residents under the boil advisory, a rolling boil for one minute is recommended before consuming. Retail food establishments in Gardiner and Silver Gate will serve prepackaged food and drink only. No open food or open drinks may be served due to risk of water contamination.

If you are on a private well and have questions about water safety or testing, please call the Park County Health Department 406-222-4145.

Contact Info

For all non-emergency questions, call the Park County Information Hotline at 406-222-4131. This hotline will be open 8 AM to 10 PM.

Updates are posted throughout the day at the [Park County Flooding – June 2022](#) Facebook page.
