



## Park County Flooding Update – June 20, 2022

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### **Evening Update:**

- All Park County roads are now open to the public with the following exceptions:
  - Yellowstone entrances in Park County remain closed (North-Gardiner, Northeast-Cooke City). Cooke City/Silver Gate are open via Chief Joseph Highway.
  - Point of Rocks bridge on 89 S (detour using East River Road)
  - Road closure at approximately 416 Cinnabar Road due to erosion
  - 89 N Highway Bridge (detour using Old Clyde Park Road)
  - Carbella Bridge (detour using Old Yellowstone Trail S)
- Residents are encouraged to call 2-1-1 or (406) 201-1173 to create an account for Crisis Cleanup so that they can connect to disaster relief organizations. They are a collaborative disaster work order management platform that improves coordination, reduces duplication of efforts, improves efficiency, and improves volunteers' experience.
- Tuesday 6/21/22 from 2-7pm the county will be hosting a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC) to help community members connect with help. The event will be at the Park County Fairgrounds, all affected community members are welcome to attend.
- A flood resource guide has been developed and is slated to be delivered to our outlying community members in the coming days.
- Updates are posted throughout the day at the [Park County Flooding – June 2022](#) Facebook page.

### **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.

The Montana County Assist Team (CAT) has finished the preliminary property and infrastructure damage assessment on behalf of Park County. With the completion of this work the CAT has demobilized and handed damage assessment data to Park and Stillwater Counties. 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.**

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).

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.

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](http://www.greatergallatinunitedway.org).

#### **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.

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