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**Stoddard County, Missouri** - The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a FLOOD WATCH for Stoddard County.

- ... FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT FROM MIDNIGHT CST TONIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY AFTERNOON...
- THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A
- \* FLOOD WATCH FOR SOUTHWEST INDIANA... WESTERN KENTUCKY... SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TO THE SOUTH OF INTERSTATE 64.
- \* FROM MIDNIGHT CST TONIGHT THROUGH SATURDAY AFTERNOON.
- \* WIDESPREAD HEAVY RAIN... 1 TO 3 INCHES... AND MELTING SNOW AND ICE WILL OVERWHELM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS... RESULTING IN NUMEROUS FLOODING ISSUES. A FEW EMBEDDED THUNDERSTORMS WILL RESULT IN ISOLATED VERY INTENSE RAIN RATES AND POTENTIALLY MORE SIGNIFICANT FLOODING ISSUES. FLOODING WILL BE MOST PREVALENT WHERE DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

ARE BLOCKED BY SNOW AND ICE FROM THE WINTER STORM EARLIER THIS WEEK.

- \* MOTORISTS SHOULD EXPECT WATER ON ROADS... AND BE PREPARED TO FIND ALTERNATE ROUTES. TRAVEL ACROSS THE REGION WILL BE QUITE DIFFICULT UNTIL THE RAINS COME TO AN END.
- PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...
- A FLOOD WATCH MEANS THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR FLOODING BASED ON CURRENT FORECASTS.
- YOU SHOULD MONITOR LATER FORECASTS AND BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE FLOOD WARNINGS. THOSE LIVING IN AREAS PRONE TO FLOODING SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION SHOULD FLOODING DEVELOP.

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