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Stoddard County, The National Weather Service in Paducah, Kentucky has issued a Flash Flood Warning for Stoddard County, Missouri.

FLASH FLOOD WARNING FROM 3:30PM CST SAT UNTIL 8:30PM CST SAT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A \* FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR

- ... BOLLINGER COUNTY IN SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI... CARTER COUNTY IN SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI... RIPLEY COUNTY IN SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI... WAYNE COUNTY IN SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI... STODDARD COUNTY IN SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI... BUTLER COUNTY IN SOUTHEASTERN MISSOURI...
- \* UNTIL 830 PM CST \* AT 323 PM CST, SOME FLOODING OF ROADS AND LOW-LYING AREAS WAS ALREADY OCCURRING IN THE WARNED AREA. RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF CLOSE TO 5 INCHES HAVE FALLEN OVER THE PAST FOUR DAYS OR SO.

THUNDERSTORMS WITH WIDESPREAD HEAVY RAIN WILL CONTINUE TO MOVE EAST ACROSS THE WARNED AREA THROUGH EARLY THIS EVENING. FLASH FLOODING IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SHORTLY. ADDITIONAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 1 TO 3 INCHES ARE LIKELY IN THE WARNED AREA OVER THE NEXT FEW HOURS.

THIS HEAVY RAIN WILL FALL ON SATURATED GROUND, CAUSING WATER LEVELS TO RISE VERY QUICKLY.

THIS IS A POTENTIALLY LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION.
PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS... TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN WHEN ENCOUNTERING FLOODED ROADS. MOST FLOOD DEATHS OCCUR IN VEHICLES. IN HILLY TERRAIN THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF LOW WATER CROSSINGS WHICH ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS IN HEAVY RAIN. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CROSS FLOODED ROADS. FIND AN ALTERNATE ROUTE.

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