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Stoddard County, MO - The National Weather Service in Paducah, KY has issued a Flood Warning for Stoddard County from 10:13 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Affected Area

Portions of western Kentucky and southeast Missouri, including the following areas, in western Kentucky, Fulton. In southeast Missouri, Bollinger, Butler, Carter, New Madrid, Ripley, Stoddard and Wayne

Description

...FLOOD WARNING IN EFFECT UNTIL 7 PM CST THIS EVENING...

WHAT...Urban area and Small stream flooding caused by excessive rainfall is expected.

WHERE...Portions of western Kentucky and southeast Missouri, including the following areas, in western Kentucky, Fulton. In southeast Missouri, Bollinger, Butler, Carter, New Madrid, Ripley, Stoddard and Wayne.

WHEN...Until 700 PM CST Thursday.

IMPACTS...Flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations is imminent or occurring. Streams continue to rise due to excess runoff from earlier rainfall. Low-water crossings are inundated with water and may not be passable. It will take several hours for all the water from these storms to work through local drainage systems in urban areas.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS... - At 1004 AM CST, Cooperative observers and public reports indicated heavy rain in the warned area due to heavy rain showers and scattered thunderstorms. Flooding is ongoing or expected to begin shortly. Between 1 and 3 inches of rain have fallen. - Additional rainfall amounts of 1 to 2 inches are possible in the warned area. - Some locations that will experience flooding include... Poplar Bluff, Sikeston, Dexter, Portageville, New Madrid, Doniphan, Bernie, Marble Hill, Lilbourn, Lake Wappapello State Park, Greenville, Hunter-Dawson State Historic Site, Malden, Gideon, Morehouse, Puxico, Parma, Naylor, Matthews and Marston. - <http://www.weather.gov/safety/flood>

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.

Flooding is occurring or is imminent. It is important to know where you are relative to streams, rivers, or creeks which can become killers in heavy rains. Campers and hikers should avoid streams or creeks.

Please report observed flooding to local emergency services or law enforcement and request they pass this information to the National Weather Service when you can do so safely.

More Information

Periods of heavy rain overnight and this morning have produced widespread one to two inches of rain over the southeast Missouri foothills and further east toward the

southeast Missouri Delta region. Periods of heavy rain is expected to persist into the early to middle afternoon hours and work southeast toward the bootheel region.

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