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Flash Flood Warning for Stoddard County

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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A FLASH FLOOD WARNING FOR... BOLLINGER COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... BUTLER COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... CARTER COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... MISSISSIPPI COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... NEW MADRID COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... PERRY COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... RIPLEY COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... SCOTT COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... STODDARD COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI... WAYNE COUNTY IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI...

* UNTIL 100 PM CST.

* AT 656 AM CST... HEAVY RAINFALL CONTINUED TO TRACK ACROSS MUCH OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI REPORTS OF CREEKS, DITCHES AND SMALL RIVERS APPROACHING BANKFULL OR OUT OF BANKS. SEVERAL REPORTS OF 3 TO NEARLY 4 INCHES OF RAINFALL ACCUMULATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

* LOCATIONS IN THE WARNED AREA INCLUDE... GREENVILLE... SAM A. BAKER STATE PARK... ADVANCE... PIEDMONT... MARBLE HILL... ORAN... BOLLINGER MILL STATE HISTORIC SITE... CHAFFEE... VAN BUREN... BENTON... JACKSON... SCOTT CITY... CAPE GIRARDEAU... TRAIL OF TEARS STATE PARK... PERRYVILLE... SHOOK... LODI... GRASSY... CASCADE AND BELL CITY.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

ADDITIONAL RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF 2 TO 3 INCHES ARE POSSIBLE IN THE WARNED AREA THROUGH THE MORNING HOURS.

EXCESSIVE RUNOFF FROM HEAVY RAINFALL WILL CAUSE FLOODING OF SMALL CREEKS AND STREAMS... HIGHWAYS AND UNDERPASSES. ADDITIONALLY... COUNTRY ROADS AND FARMLANDS ALONG THE BANKS OF CREEKS... STREAMS AND OTHER LOW LYING AREAS ARE SUBJECT TO FLOODING.

DO NOT DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE INTO AREAS WHERE THE WATER COVERS THE ROADWAY. THE WATER DEPTH MAY BE TOO GREAT TO ALLOW YOUR CAR TO CROSS SAFELY. MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND.

MOST FLOOD DEATHS OCCUR IN AUTOMOBILES. NEVER DRIVE YOUR VEHICLE INTO AREAS WHERE THE WATER COVERS THE ROADWAY. FLOOD WATERS ARE USUALLY DEEPER THAN THEY APPEAR. JUST ONE FOOT OF FLOWING WATER IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO SWEEP VEHICLES OFF THE ROAD. WHEN ENCOUNTERING FLOODED ROADS MAKE THE SMART CHOICE... TURN AROUND... DONT DROWN.

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