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## Flash Flood Watch Issued for Stoddard County

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Stoddard County, Missouri - The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch from 7:00 p.m. Friday until 1:00 a.m. Monday.

FLASH FLOOD WATCH FROM 7PM CDT FRI UNTIL 1AM CDT MON

...FLASH FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT FROM FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH LATE SUNDAY NIGHT

... THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN PADUCAH HAS ISSUED A \* FLASH FLOOD WATCH FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, WESTERN KENTUCKY, AND SOUTHEAST MISSOURI, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING AREAS, IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS, ALEXANDER, EDWARDS, FRANKLIN, GALLATIN, HAMILTON, HARDIN, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOHNSON, MASSAC, PERRY IL, POPE, PULASKI, SALINE, UNION, WABASH, WAYNE IL, WHITE, AND WILLIAMSON. IN WESTERN KENTUCKY, BALLARD, CARLISLE, FULTON, HICKMAN, AND MCCRACKEN. IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI, BOLLINGER, BUTLER, CAPE GIRARDEAU, CARTER, MISSISSIPPI, NEW MADRID, PERRY MO, RIPLEY, SCOTT, STODDARD, AND WAYNE MO. \* FROM FRIDAY EVENING THROUGH LATE SUNDAY NIGHT

\* THE WATCH IS GENERALLY IN EFFECT FOR LOCATIONS ALONG AND WEST OF A LINE EXTENDING FROM NEAR FULTON, KENTUCKY TO MOUNT CARMEL, ILLINOIS, INCLUDING ALL OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI. MUCH OF THIS REGION HAS ALREADY RECEIVED 1.5 TO 3 INCHES OF RAINFALL IN THE PAST 12 TO 18 HOURS.

THOUGH THINGS MAY TEND TO DRY OUT A BIT TODAY AND FRIDAY, NUMEROUS THUNDERSTORMS WITH VERY HEAVY RAIN ARE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP FRIDAY NIGHT AND THEN AGAIN SATURDAY NIGHT, SUNDAY AND SUNDAY EVENING.

THERE MAY BE A BREAK IN THE HEAVY RAIN THREAT DURING THE DAY SATURDAY OVER WESTERN KENTUCKY, SOUTHWEST INDIANA, FAR SOUTHEAST MISSOURI AND THE SOUTHERN TIP OF ILLINOIS.

SEVERAL INCHES OF RAIN ARE EXPECTED BEFORE ALL IS SAID AND DONE LATE SUNDAY NIGHT.

THE HIGHEST AMOUNTS ARE EXPECTED TO FALL FROM SOUTHEAST MISSOURI INTO SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS.

\* IN ADDITION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF FLASH FLOODING, THE HEAVY RAINFALL IS EXPECTED TO CAUSE RISES ON MANY OF THE AREA RIVERS, PARTICULARLY THE SMALLER RIVERS IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI SUCH AS THE SAINT FRANCIS, BLACK, AND CURRENT.  
PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS

... A FLASH FLOOD WATCH MEANS THAT CONDITIONS MAY DEVELOP THAT LEAD TO FLASH FLOODING. FLASH FLOODING IS A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION. YOU SHOULD MONITOR LATER FORECASTS AND BE PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION SHOULD FLASH FLOOD WARNINGS BE ISSUED.

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