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| SITUATION REPORT: #110531-01 |

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| EOC Status: Closed | Date: 5/31/2011 |
| Declarations: None |
| Website: ***lepc.meaghercounty.net*** |
| DES Office: 406-547-4290 EOC:  |

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| General Situation: |

Today with warmer temps we may see higher water levels in the creeks and rivers. The North Fork Smith River is running over its banks west of town and is running over the intersection of Slaughter House LN and Luppold Rd. All rivers and creeks in Meagher County are at flood stage and some running over their banks. Benton Gulch Creek is still at flood stage and running over its banks in places. Helena Forest has closed the Confederate & Benton Gulch Rd. The creek has washed the road away and is still running down the road. Lewis and Clark Forest has some roads washing out due to the flooding on Four Mile Rd and Spring Creek. Emergency Management will continue to monitor and forward pertinent information as it is available.

Meagher County D.E.S. has sand bags that can be purchased for .45 apiece.

Contact Rick Seidlitz 547-4290 or the Sheriff’s Office at 547-3397

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| Jurisdictions Affected: |

All of Meagher County

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| Health and Safety: |

**Advice:**

* If people have flood insurance and are affected by flooding, they need to contact their agent or company right away
* Property owners and communities should be encouraged to document the event and costs associated with it.
* If homeowners have insurance their flood fighting costs may be reimbursable.

**Tips:**

* Be careful of hidden dangers when returning to a damaged home: downed power lines, gas leaks, snakes, animals that may have been forced into the home.
* Watch for mold and mildew after the flood
* A car can easily be carried away by just one foot of floodwater.
* It only takes 6 inches of rushing water to knock a person off their feet.
* Chemicals and hazardous materials could cause hazardous conditions in and around structures once the water recedes - both inside and outside your home and business.
* Secure all propane and fuel tanks prior to a flood or they may become fire hazards - be cautious of any that have moved during a flood
* Be careful when pumping out basements – if done too quickly it may cause cracks or damage to walls and floors

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| Weather: |

**Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. Calm wind becoming southeast around 6 mph.

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Southeast wind between 5 and 9 mph.

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| Transportation: |

The Newlan Creek Rd has been closed just off of US 89 N. To get to the reservoir you have to take MT HWY 360 which runs west out of White Sulphur Springs, and take Newlan Creek RD from there. Lewis & Clark Forest has closed its roads and Campgrounds. Helena National Forest has closed the Confederate and Benton Gulch RD where it enters the National Forest. The Smith River has been closed to floaters; talk of opening this in the next couple of days.

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| Utilities: |

No known issues

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| Sheltering: |

No sheltering in effect

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| Current Needs: |

No known needs

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| Planned Actions: |

Monitor situation

Updates to the situation report and operations will be posted on the LEPC Web Site

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