

February 13, 2017

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Curtis Calder, City Manager
777-7110
ccalder@elkocitynv.gov

City of Elko Flood Update – February 13

On Saturday, February 11, the Elko City Council declared an emergency for the City of Elko due to local and regional flooding of the Humboldt River and various tributaries, resulting in voluntary evacuations. Although the Humboldt River has receded over the past 24 hours, numerous streets, residences, and businesses in the vicinity of the Humboldt River remain flooded. Flooding has resulted in natural gas shut-offs and electricity outages.

Despite floodwaters receding overnight, a National Weather Service flood warning remains in effect, with the river level forecast to increase. On Monday, February 13, Elko Police and Fire Department Personnel will again be contacting residents and businesses door to door within the evacuation areas to assess immediate needs. City public works crews continue to pump water and assist where needed.

Sand and sand bags remain available at 232 S. 10th Street. Volunteer efforts should be coordinated through the City of Elko Emergency Operations Center, located at the Elko Police Department, 1448 E. Silver Street, (775) 777-7320. A Red Cross Resource Center has been established at Elko Fire Station #2, 725 Railroad Street, to coordinate necessary resource needs for flood victims.

The City of Elko potable water system remains safe and unaffected by the flooding. The sewer system is operating at full capacity and localized back-ups have been reported. The City of Elko continues to monitor both systems on a 24 hour basis.

The City of Elko and Elko Sanitation will be deploying construction debris roll-off containers in affected areas for residents to dispose of flood-damaged carpet, furniture, etc. Residents should contact their homeowner's insurance carrier for insurance claim guidance.

The City of Elko strongly advises that citizens avoid flood impacted areas, including the eight-mile creek drainage. Water levels remain high and can be extremely dangerous. Please use extreme caution!

For ongoing emergency updates from the City of Elko, please subscribe to nixle.com. For immediate emergency assistance, call 911.