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City of Elko Flood Update – February 15

Although the National Weather Service has discontinued flood warnings, the Humboldt River is still running high throughout the river corridor. Water levels have dropped significantly, but many storm drain outfalls remain below the waterline.

The City of Elko Emergency Operations Center will be closed at 5:00 p.m. today. The Emergency Operations Center phone number, (775) 777-7320, will remain active until further notice.

Recovery efforts are continuing within flood-impacted areas. The City of Elko Building Department has completed numerous inspections, allowing NV Energy and Southwest Gas to restore service to many of the residences. **Please note that anything left in refrigerators and/or freezers will need to be disposed of due to the extended power outage.**

The City of Elko and Elko Sanitation have deployed construction debris roll-off containers in flood-impacted areas. If a roll-off container is filled to capacity, please utilize the nearest available roll-off container.

Please note that sitting water could be contaminated. Anything used or worn while cleaning up from the flood needs to be washed using proper sanitation methods. Please use gloves, closed toes shoes or work boots, long pants, visible bright colored shirts, and other personal protective equipment while cleaning flooded areas.

Medium sized boxes are needed to assist the public with cleanup efforts. Boxes can be dropped off at Fire Station #2, located at 725 Railroad Street.

A Red Cross Resource Center is located at Elko Fire Station #2, 725 Railroad Street, (775) 340-4550, to coordinate necessary resource needs for flood victims. The Red Cross can provide many types of assistance based on emergency needs. Additionally, the United Way provides a free and confidential service that helps people across North America find the local resources they need, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This service can be contacted by dialing 211 from your phone. An alternative number is 1-866-535-5654.

Flood victims who are missing animals such as dogs or cats may contact Elko Animal Shelter, 2210 Pinion Road, Elko, (775) 777-7333 to coordinate information such as descriptions and/or photos of missing animals. The City of Elko Animal Control Officer is also patrolling the flood area to provide necessary assistance with missing animals and related issues. Contact the Animal Control Officer via Elko Central Dispatch at (775) 777-7300.

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