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City of Elko Flood Update – February 16

No flood warnings are currently in effect. However, rain is expected in the Elko area throughout the weekend.

Recovery efforts are continuing within flood-impacted areas. The City of Elko Building Department is completing 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.**

Team Rubicon is leading volunteer clean-up efforts this weekend. **All volunteers wishing to assist are requested to meet at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 18th at Home Depot for registration.** Team Rubicon will assist homeowners remove drywall, insulation, and carpeting that will eventually create a health hazard in the form of mold. Team Rubicon's services are FREE, and all members are vetted and background checked. Team Rubicon will provide safety equipment and tools, thanks to a generous donation by Barrick Gold Nevada. **Anyone requiring assistance with flood damage should call the Red Cross Resource Center, located at Elko Fire Station #2, 725 Railroad Street, (775) 340-4550.** To learn more about Team Rubicon, please visit teamrubiconusa.org

The City of Elko Emergency Operations Center was closed on February 15th. However, the Emergency Operations Center phone number, (775) 777-7320, will remain active until further notice.

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.

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.