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Information, Resources Available to Idaho County Residents Affected by Spring Flooding

Grangeville, Idaho – A **Multi Agency Resource Center (MARC)** will be open from **3:30 – 8:00 PM Tuesday April 16, 2019 at Kooskia City Hall, 26 S. Main Street, Kooskia, Idaho**. The MARC serves as an important resource for residents whose homes, property, and businesses were damaged or destroyed by spring flooding that began April 8, 2019.

Representatives from multiple agencies will be on hand including:

- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- North Central Public Health District
- Natural Resources Conservation Service & Farm Agency
- Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR)
- Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

The meeting allows families, farm and business owners, and individuals, to ask subject matter experts questions on a variety of issues including – testing and evaluating wells and septic systems, debris clean up, home restoration, agriculture-related damage assistance, and other immediate needs.

Those attending are encouraged to bring identification and pictures of damage.

Along with the governmental and non-profit agencies on hand, **Palouse Paws Therapy Dogs**, an organization based in Moscow, Idaho, will have a therapy dog available for assisting individuals who may be struggling with anxiety and stress.

In addition to facilitating Tuesday's MARC, Idaho County coordinated the efforts of the Needs Assessment Teams. The teams traveled throughout the flood-affected areas of the county yesterday collecting data from people whose homes and property were affected by the

flooding. The data collected by the Needs Assessment Teams provides a broad awareness of what needs exist, allows officials to prioritize those needs, and informs recovery efforts.

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