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Idaho Governor Signs Idaho Flood Awareness Week Proclamation

Spring flooding is one of Idaho's major hazards

BOISE – Idaho Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter has signed a proclamation naming this week “Flood Awareness Week” in Idaho. It’s an effort to remind residents and visitors of the dangers posed by flash floods. Each year in Idaho spring flooding causes significant damage to infrastructure and personal property. Last year almost every county in the state was affected by flooding. This year already, Madison and Clark counties are part of a State disaster declaration for spring flooding.

Being prepared and knowing what to do during a flood can save lives. Before a flood make sure you have a family disaster plan. Make sure your insurance covers flood damage. Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding. Even six inches of fast-moving water can knock you off your feet. Two feet of water can float a car. Helping children to understand why floodwaters can be dangerous can prevent serious injury or worse.

The Idaho Emergency Operations Center (IDEOC) remains activated at Level III to monitor spring flooding in the northeastern part of the state.

For daily information on flood preparedness, and safety tips, be sure to follow IOEM on Facebook and Twitter @IdahoOEM.

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