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Clark County added to State Disaster Declaration for Flooding *Multiple county roadways remain impassable*

BOISE – Clark County Idaho has been added to a state disaster declaration for flooding signed by Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter. Clark joins Madison County on the state disaster declaration as both areas in north east Idaho feel the effects of spring flooding and runoff.

“The runoff has cut huge trenches along many roads,” said Clark County Emergency Manager Jill Egan. “While we do expect most major thoroughfares to re-open soon, some ranchers are having a difficult time getting feed to cattle on roadways that remain impassible. We are grateful for the community members who pitched in to help with sandbagging efforts this weekend. We would also like to extend a special thanks to our Search and Rescue volunteers for many hours of hard work.”

“Clark County residents have done an outstanding job managing the effects of flooding up until now,” said Greg Shenton, Chairman of the Clark County Commission. “We look forward to working with the state to mitigate the long term effects of this disaster.

A state disaster declaration makes state matching funds available to counties to assist with response and repair efforts.

The Idaho Emergency Operations Center (IDEOC) remains activated at Level III in support of Clark and Madison Counties. For a daily statewide synopsis of issues relating to current state declarations, please visit the IOEM website.

<https://ioem.idaho.gov/WebFiles/SituationReports/websitrep.pdf>

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High water can cause significant hazards. Residents are reminded to avoid low-water crossings and not attempt to cross water-covered roads.

“Turn Around Don’t Drown.”