

Freshwater Prediction and Flood Warning Services

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Presentation Overview

- NWS Mission
- Socioeconomic Impacts of Floods
- NWS Operational Infrastructure
- Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS)
- Water Resources Forecasting Program
- Flood Inundation Mapping Overview
- Flood Inundation Mapping Demonstration
- Education and Outreach



NWS Mission and Goals

NOAA NWS Mission

 Issue weather, water, and climate forecasts and warnings for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy.



Socioeconomic Impacts

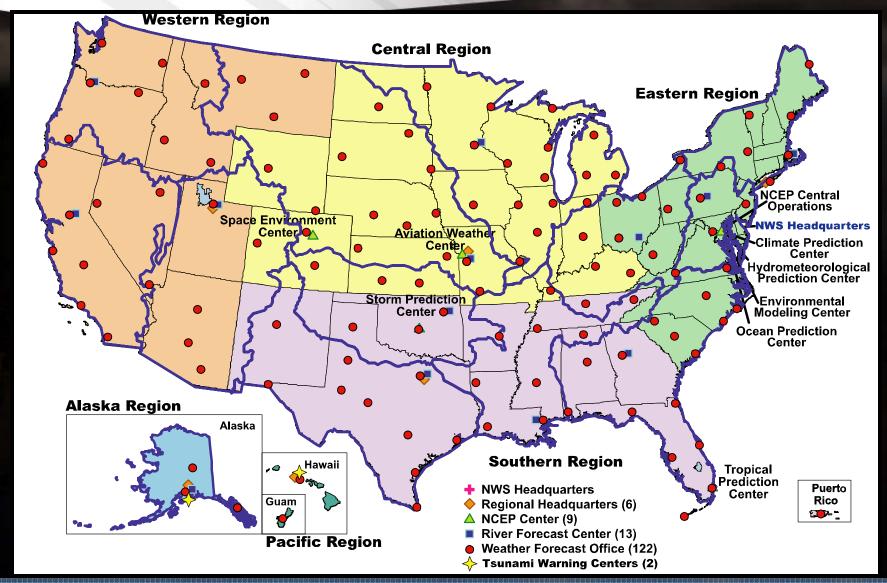
On average, over the past 20 years, flooding has claimed over 90 lives and caused damages in excess of \$7 billion annually

- Flooding can occur in all 50 states and is a threat all months of the year.
- Flooding is responsible for more fatalities than any other severe weather related phenomenon.
- More than half of all flood-related deaths result from motorists being swept away in their vehicles.





NWS Operational Infrastructure





- Provide enhanced water availability and flood warning information by leveraging NOAA's infrastructure and expertise
- Modernize services through infusion of new science and technology
 - Flash-flood to seasonal freshwater forecasts
 - Quantification of forecast certainty
 - More accurate and timely forecasts and warnings
 - Partnered flood inundation mapping
 - Visually-oriented products
- Provide consistent access to standardized graphics via web interface



Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service

• \$60 million/10 year program (completion year of 2014)

• \$766 million estimated annual recurring benefit (National Hydrologic

Warning Council study)









Accessing AHPS Information

http://weather.gov/

"click on" the water tab for current river conditions



Local forecast by

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XML RSS Feeds

By State/County...

Warnings

UV Alerts

Radar

Satellite

Forecasts

Graphical

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By State

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TsunamiReady

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Observations

Snow Cover

Surface Weather...

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Fire Weather

Text Messages

By Message Type

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Numerical Models

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's

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Site Map Organization Search ...Potential For Significant Severe Weather Across The Mississippi Valley... A strong cold front moving through the Mississippi Valley will trigger swere thunderstorms with large hail and damaging winds. Isolated tornadoes could also develop. The threat of severe weather extends from the Upper Mississippi Valley and Great Lakes to the Gulf Coast area. The greatest threat area will be in the Mid-Mississippi Valley from streme northern Louisiana to central Illinois Details Graphical National Air Quality Satellite Climate Radar Water Forecasts Forecasts Warnings By State 💌 Click Below To Zoom In. Tabs At A Glance Created: 05/02/08 at 20:10 UTC American Samoa · Guam · Puerto Rico/Virgin Islands Tornado Warning Severe Weather Statement Brisk Wind Advisory Severe Thunderstorm Gale Warning Lake Wind Advisory Statistical Models... Flood Statement Mind Advisory Flash Flood Warning Freeze Watch Freeze Warning Blizzard Warning Red Flag Warning Special Weather Statement Heavy Snow Warning Snow And Blowing Snow Marine Weather Statement Winter Storm Warning Advisory Hazardous Weather Outlook High Wind Warning Winter Weather Advisory Short Term Forecast Flood Warning Flood Advisory Coastal Flood Advisory Tornado Watch Flash Flood Watch Small Craft Advisory Education/Outreach

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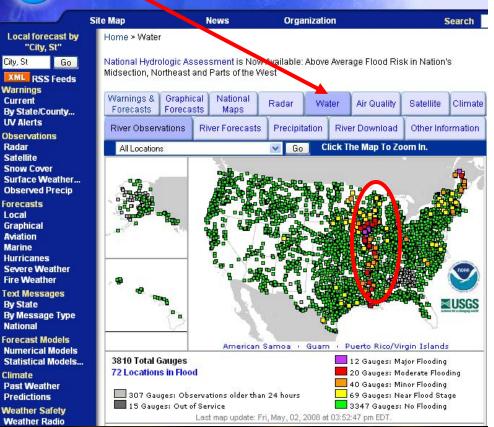
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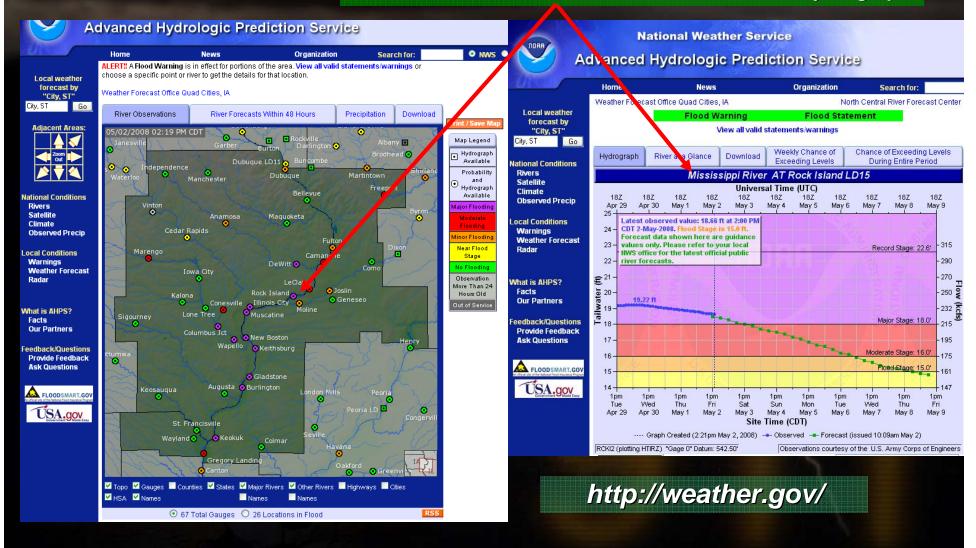






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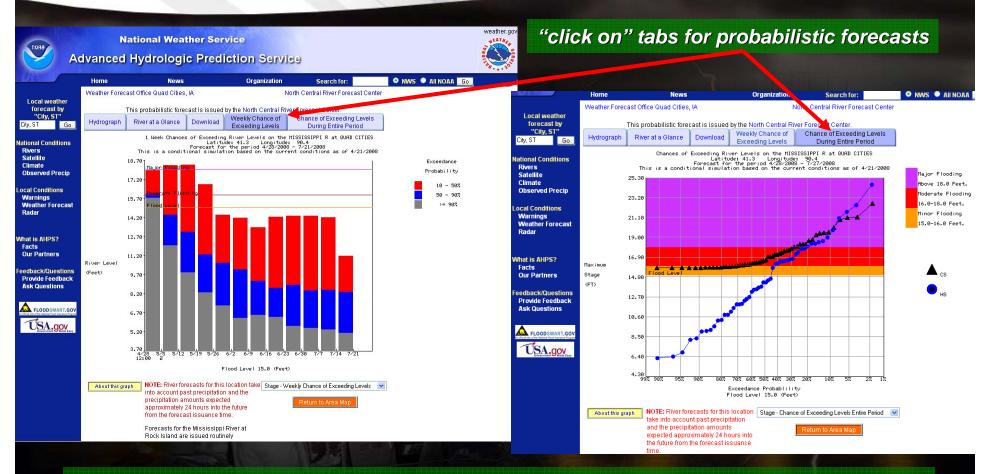
"click on" the forecast location to access local hydrograph







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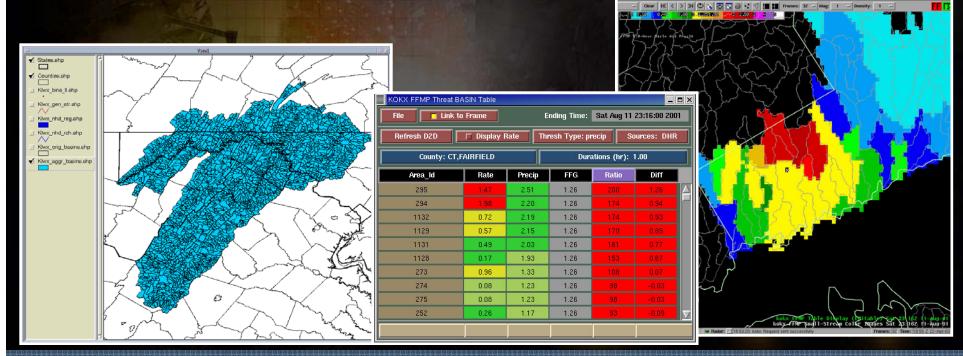


Currently demonstrating short-range ESP capability at 4 River Forecast Centers and plan to begin national implementation in FY12



AHPS Flash Flood Decision Assistance Flash Flood Monitoring and Prediction (FFMP)

- Continuous monitoring of rainfall with comparison to flash flood guidance for high resolution stream basins
- Basin data set developed by NOAA in collaboration with USGS
- Alerts forecasters when a dangerous flash flood situation may be developing





Water in the News

Rescue work continues in flood- ra National Weather Washington

Bv Jack Broom

Seattle Times staff reporter

Efforts resumed today to rescue people from floodstricken homes in Southwest Washington after

Flooding forces thousands in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas

The Associated Press

Published: July 1_2007

Officials shut salmon fishing in seven coasta areas of California, Oregon

By Matt Weiser - mweiser@sacbee.co

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Wildlife officials moved Wednesday for early closure of seven coastal salmon

Scotts Valley wants to sell surplus irrigation water

San Jose Mercury News, USA - March 11, 206 SCOTTS VALLEY, Calif.—A Santa Cruz County tov

Service tweaks Red River flood outloook

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (AP) The

National Weather S the spring flood ou Australia's epic drough

River Valley. March The situation is grim

By Kathy Marks in Sydney Friday, 20 April 2007

Australia has warned that it will have to switch off the water supply Ito the continent's food bowl unless heavy rains break an epic drought - heralding what could be the first climate change-driven disaster to strike a developed nation

West Looking Again at **Building New Dams**

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS - Mar 2, 2008

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Western states' era of massive dam construction - which tamed rivers, swallowed towns, and created irrigated agriculture. chean hydronower

Current Major Flooding in U.S. a Sign of Things to Come: NOAA Urges Communities to Prepare During Flood Safety Awareness Week (March 20, 2008)

Carolina Relentless

arought could be devastating in '08

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The recordsetting drought that has forced the governor to plead for conservation,

Lake Mead could run dry by 2021, study warns

Arizona Republic, AZ - Feb 12, 2008 Climate changes and an unquenched \$ demand for water on the Colorado Dimension Laboration 10001)

Global Warming May Put U.S. in Hot Water

By SETH BORENSTEIN

AP Science Writer (Doug Barrett, KNOX, Grand Forks) WASHINGTON (AP) -- As the world warms, water - either too little or too much of it - is

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Expanding Our Service

NOAA's Water Resources Program

Now:

Forecasts of stream flow provided at 4000 point locations on rivers

Needed:

- -Forecasts of several water resource elements provided at all locations (grid), at scale of event (high resolution)
 - Snow water equivalent
 - Snow depth & cover
 - Precipitation
 - Soil moisture
 - Runoff
 - Evaporation



NOAA water forecasts are made at the locations identified in red.



• For over 30 years, the NWS has utilized a 3-tier, impact based, flood severity scale with the categories minor, moderate, and major flooding

 For each NWS river forecast location, flood stage and the stage associated with each of the NWS flood severity categories are

established in cooperation with local

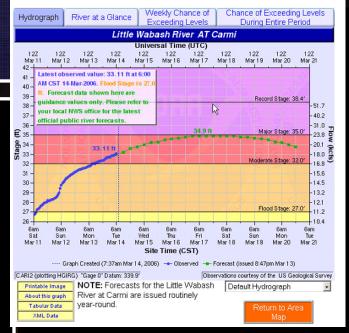
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THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN NEWPORT HAS ISSUED A

- FLOOD WARNING FOR NEUSE RIVER AT KINSTON
- FROM SATURDAY MORNING UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- AT 9 AM EDT FRIDAY THE STAGE WAS... 13.5 FEET
- MINOR FLOODING IS FORECAST * FLOOD STAGE IS...14.0 FEET
- FORECAST...FLOOD STAGE WILL BE REACHED AT 900 AM SATURDAY. MAXIMUM STAGE WILL BE 15.0 FEET AT 900 PM EDT WEDNESDAY. THE RIVER MAY REMAIN ABOVE FLOOD STAGE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THE EXACT FLOOD DURATION IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT DUE TO THE VERY SLOW RISE AND FALL TIMES FOR THIS RIVER.
- AT 14 FEET...WATER WILL BEGIN TO OVERFLOW INTO LOWLANDS ADJACENT TO THE NEUSE RIVER. \$\$



http://www.weather.gov/ahps/





- The Inland Flood Forecasting and Warning System Act of 2002, Pub. Law No. 107-253
 - ✓ Championed by Representative Bob **Etheridge (2nd District NC)**
 - ✓ Authorized NOAA to conduct activities to improve inland flood forecasting, develop a new flood warning index, train and educate officials regarding improved forecasting techniques and the inland flood warning index

PUBLIC LAW 107-258-OCT, 29, 2002

116 STAT, 1781

Public Law 107-253 107th Congress

An Act

b sufficient the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the United States Westher Research Program, to conduct research and development, training, and outleach activities relating to inland fixed forecasting improvement,

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

SEC. 2. AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES

This Act may be cited as the "Inland Flood Forecasting and Warning System Act of 2002".

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, through the United States Weather Research Program, shall—

(1) improve the capability to accurately forecast inland

flooding (including inland flooding influenced by constal and coan storms) through research and modeling (2) develop, test, and deploy a new flood warning index that will give the public and emergency management officials fuller, clearer, and more accurate information about the risks and dangers posed by expected floods;

(3) train emergency management officials, National Weather Service personnel, netecrologists, and others as appro-priate regarding improved forecasting techniques for inland flooding, risk management techniques, and use of the inland flood warning index developed under paragraph (2); (4) conduct outreach and education activities for local mote-

orologists and the public regarding the dangers and risks associated with inland flooding and the use and understanding of the inland flood warning index developed under paragraph

(5) assess, through research and analysis of previous trends, among other activities—

(A) the long-term trends in frequency and severity

of inland flooding and (B) how shiks in dimate, development, and erosion patterns might make cortain regions vulnerable to more continual or escalating flood damage in the future.

SEC. 9. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

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There are authorized to be appropriated to the National Oceanic and Almospheric Administration for carrying out this Act \$1,250,000 for each of the fiscal years 2003 through 2005, of which \$100,000 for each fiscal year shall be available for competitive





- Since 2002, NWS has conducted extensive outreach to objectively determine whether our current flood severity index satisfies user needs
 - ✓ Partnered with Claes Fornell International (CFI)
 Group to survey users of NOAA's hydrologic
 information via the American Customer Satisfaction
 Index (ACSI)
 - ✓ Conducted user forums with State and Local Officials in North Carolina
 - ✓ Partnered with David Ford Consulting Engineers, Inc to conduct a national survey of emergency managers
 - ✓ Conducted additional local and regional user outreach

October 2004

Evaluation of National
Weather Service Flood
Severity Categories and
Use of Gage Station Flood
History Information









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Executive Report 2006



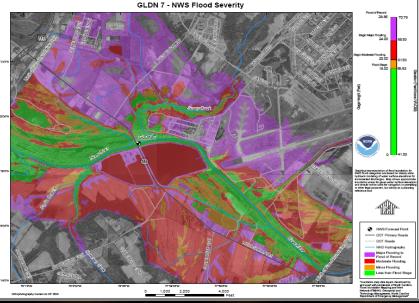


Customers are telling us they....

- are familiar with NWS flood severity categories
- find them useful
- do not want changes to the existing flood severity indices
 - need communication of flood risk to be enhanced by use of

inundation graphics (maps)



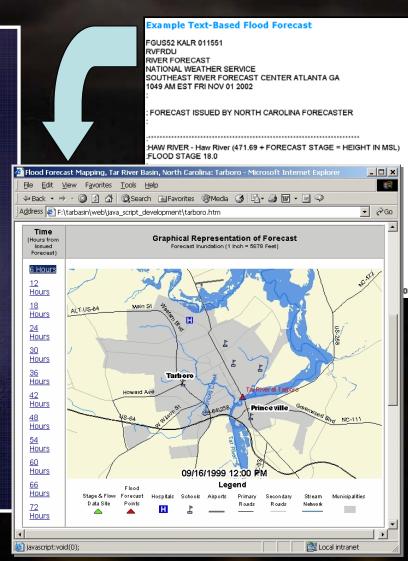




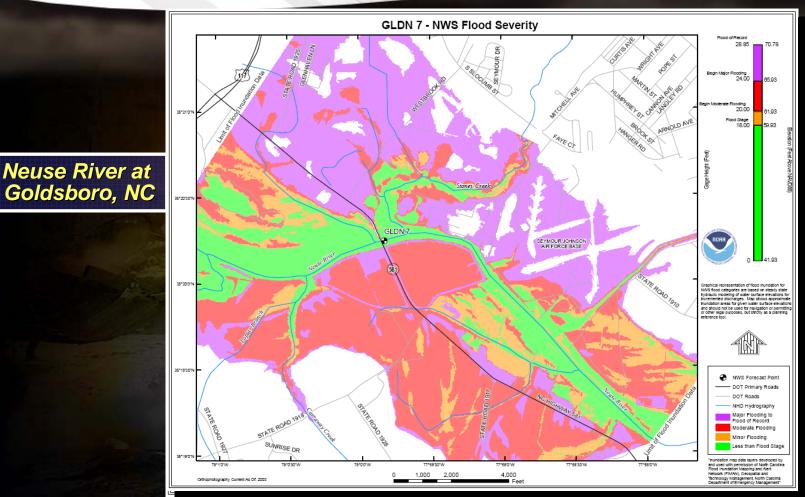


Goal – To provide real-time flood inundation maps to emergency managers during flood events.

- Used partnered data (LIDAR Topo Engineering Data) from FEMA and NC Floodplain Mapping Program
- Built unsteady hydraulic model for 73 miles of Tar River
- Mapped flood forecasts in a GIS and presented results via the Web
- SERFC used as flood forecast tool during Hurricane Isabel Sept. 2003



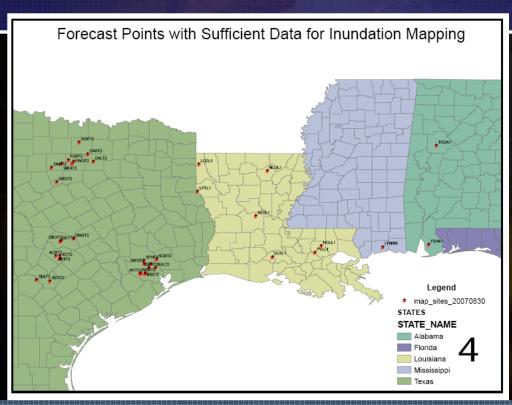




Partnered with NC Floodplain Mapping Program Office, FEMA, and USGS to develop prototype user-requested graphics to better convey flood threat



- Provided Web Access to 16 North Carolina Flood Inundation Map Libraries at NWS forecast points on October 22, 2007
- Hurricane Katrina Supplemental Funds are being used to create an additional
 25-35 libraries in 4 Gulf Coast States







- Both agencies convey flood risk
 - FEMA for regulatory/legal insurance purposes to reduce damage costs
 - NOAA/NWS for protection of life and property
- Opportunity for enhanced relationship between NFIP flood zones and NWS flood categories/libraries
- Decision-makers need additional/integrated inundation maps/information to most effectively mitigate the impacts of floods
- Integrate NOAA/NWS inundation library guidelines with FEMA/FIS guidelines





Partnering to Reduce Costs and Improve Efficiency





Efficiency goes up

- Additional cost to complete one inundation map library as part of the FIS: 5 - 10 K (~3% cost increase)
- Cost doubles and time increases if inundation map library is created after FIS is completed: 10 – 20 K
- Developing inundation libraries in conjunction with FIS yields significant user benefit for small incremental cost.



For NWS river forecast locations.....

Enhance the communication of flood risk by a developing a library of inundation maps and linking them with observed/forecast river stages

Each library includes NWS flood severity categories and regulatory FEMA flood frequency events





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National Flood Inundation Mapping Service Leader

NOAA's National Weather Service

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Presentation Focus

- Making Informed Decisions
- Water Forecasting
- New AHPS Product



Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service (AHPS)



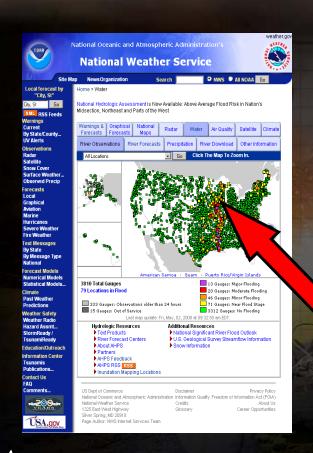


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13 Gauges: Major Flooding
20 Gauges: Moderate Flooding
46 Gauges: Minor Flooding
71 Gauges: Near Flood Stage
3312 Gauges: No Flooding

... flooding at nearly 150 forecast locations

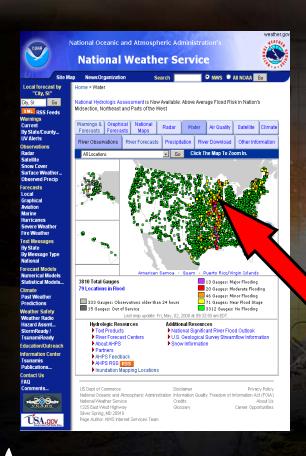
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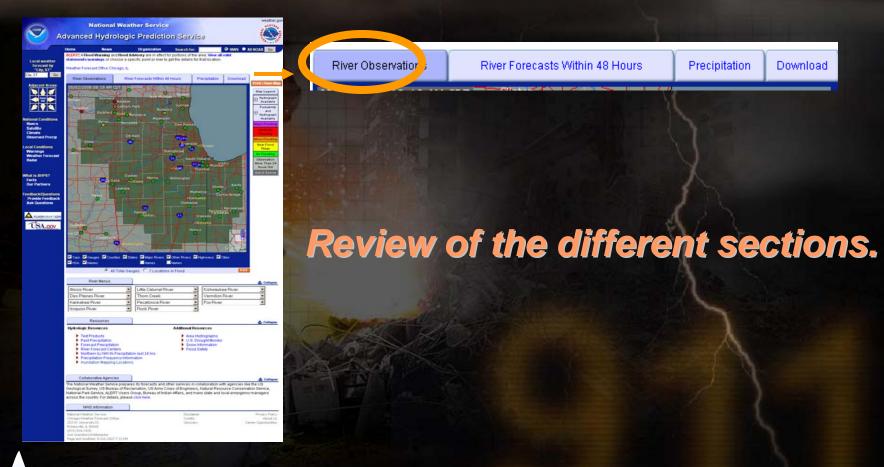
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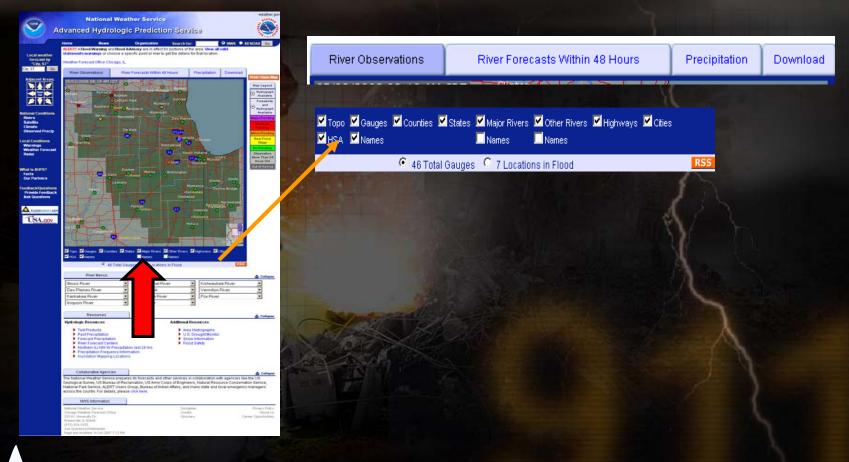


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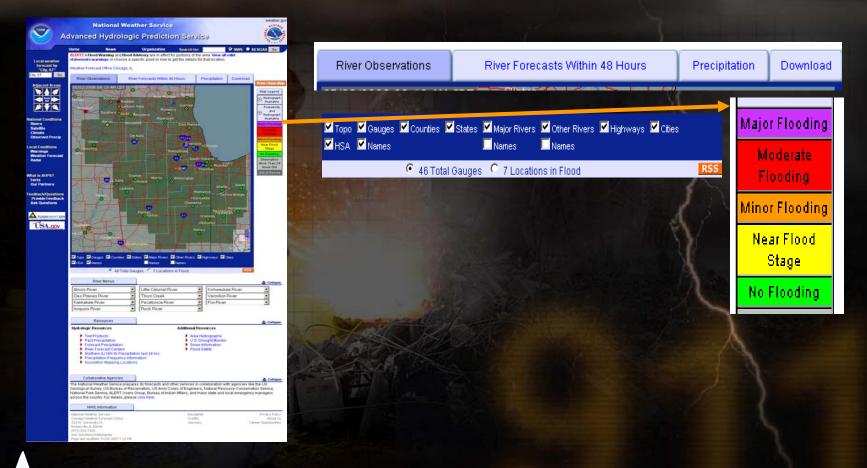


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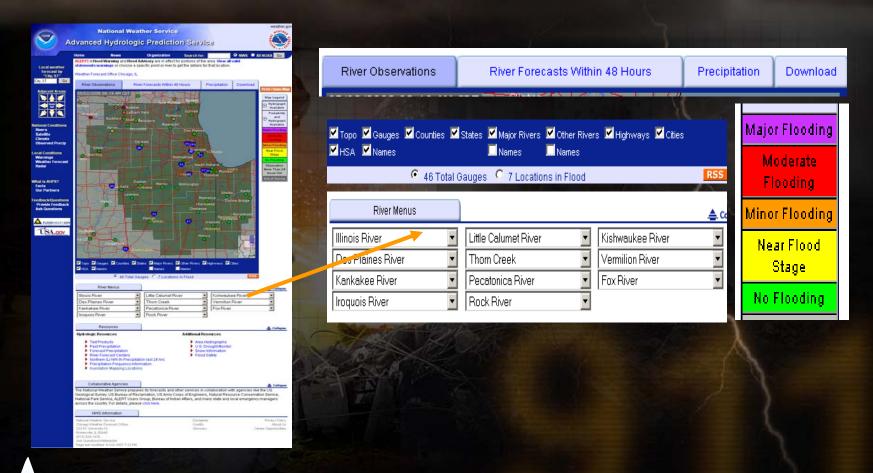


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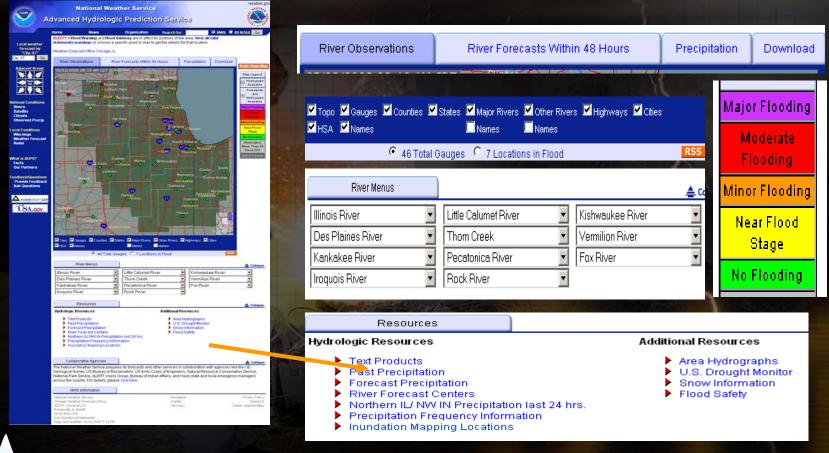


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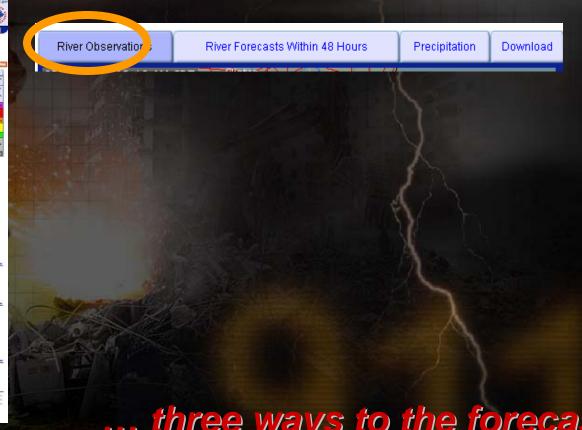
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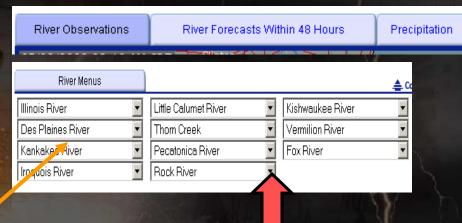
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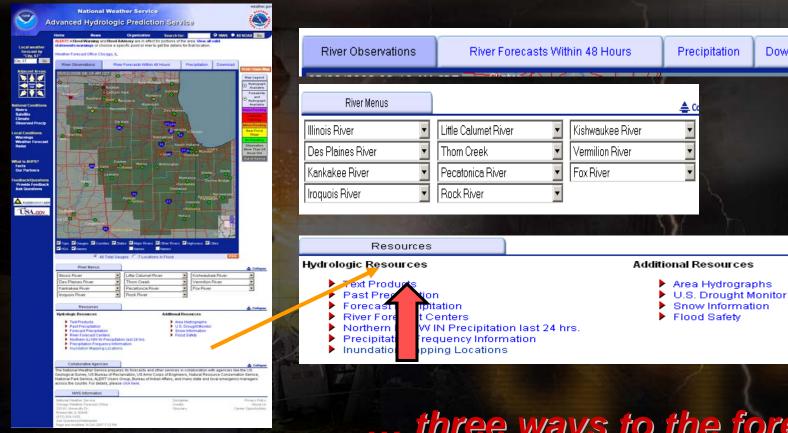
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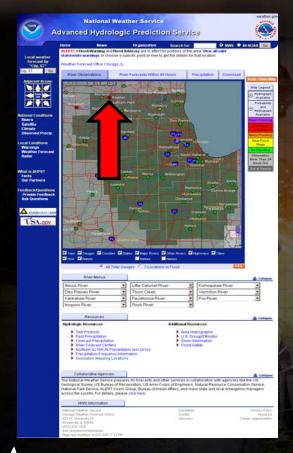
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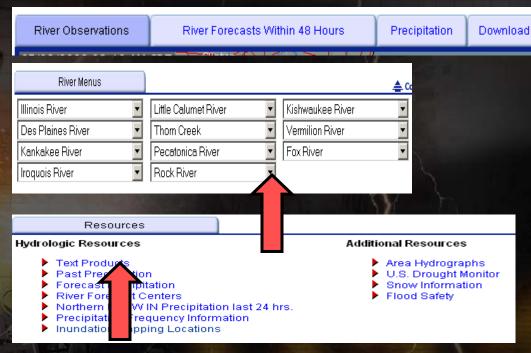
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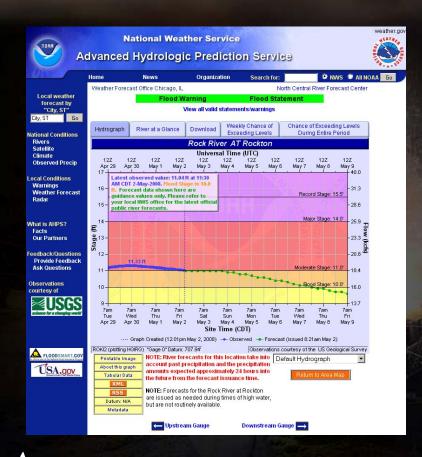
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AHPS Forecast Page



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- Flood Categories
- Probabilistic Forecasts
- Data Downloads in XML, RSS
- Pertinent Information

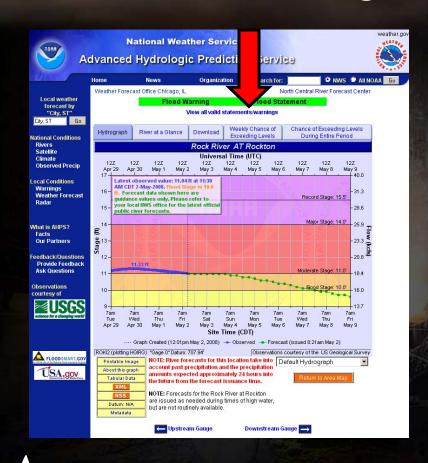
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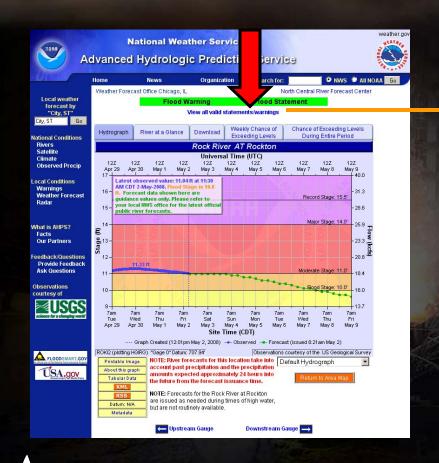
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AHPS Link to Flood Statement



Flood Statement

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FLOOD STATEMENT

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE CHICAGO/ROMEOVILLE IL 950 AM CDT FRI MAY 02 2008

THE SLOOD WARNING CONTINUES FOR THE FOLLOWING RIVERS IN ILLINOIS...

ROCK RIVER AT ROCKTON AFFECTING WINNEBAGO COUNTY

ROCK RIVER AT LATHAM PARK AFFECTING WINNEBAGO COUNTY PECATONICA RIVER NEAR SHIRLAND AFFECTING WINNEBAGO COUNTY

.SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS MOVING ACROSS SOUTHERN WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS TODAY MAY CAUSE MINOR ADDITIONAL RISES ON AREA RIVERS THROUGH THE WEEKEND.

SAFETY MESSAGE...IF YOU ENCOUNTER A FLOODED ROADWAY...TURN AROUND AND FIND AN ALTERNATE ROUTE.

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THE FLOOD WARNING CONTINUES FOR

- * UNTIL LATE WEDNESDAY NIGHT...OR UNTIL THE WARNING IS CANCELLED.
- * AT 830 AM FRIDAY THE STAGE WAS 11.0 FEET.
- * MODERATE FLOODING IS OCCURRING AND MODERATE FLOODING IS FORECAST.
- * FLOOD STAGE IS 10.0 FEET
- * FORECAST...THE RIVER WILL REMAIN NEARLY STEADY THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE IT BEGINS TO SLOWLY FALL AND GO BELOW FLOOD STAGE BY WEDNESDAY EVENING.
- * IMPACT...AT 10.5 FEET...WATER BEGINS TO FLOW OVER PORTIONS OF EDGEMERE TERRACE NEAR ROSCOE.

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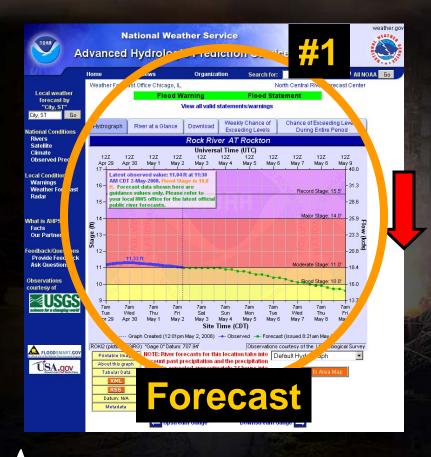
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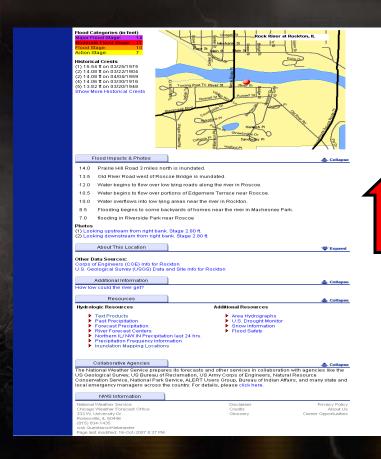
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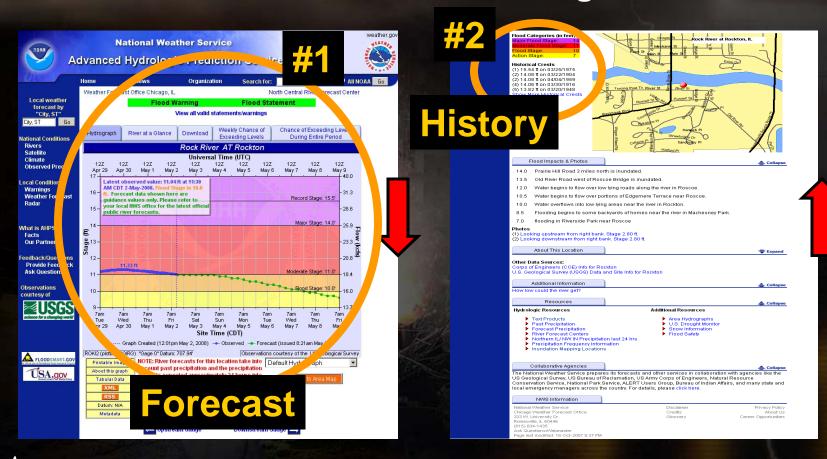
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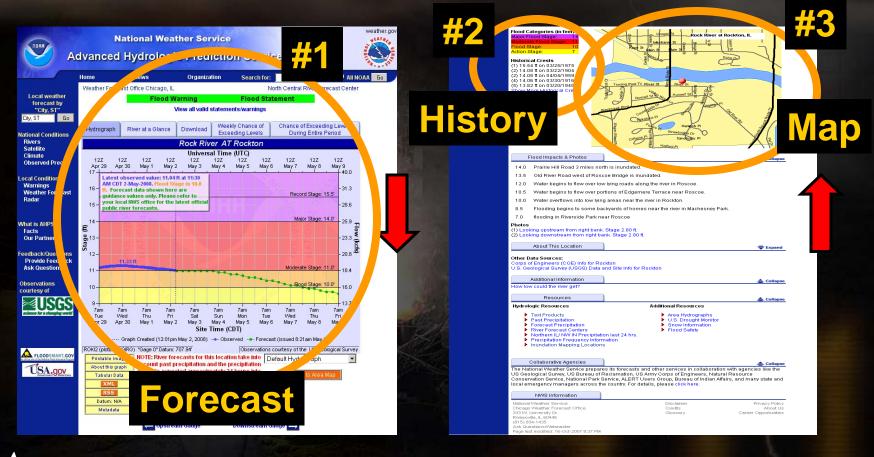
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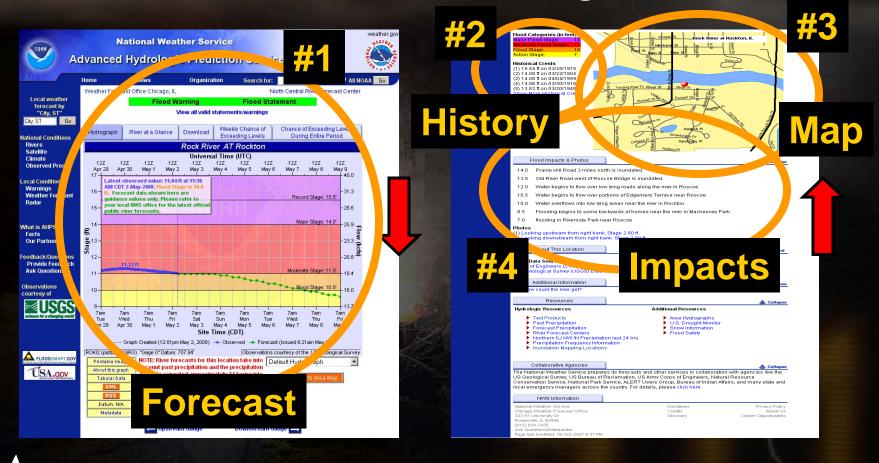
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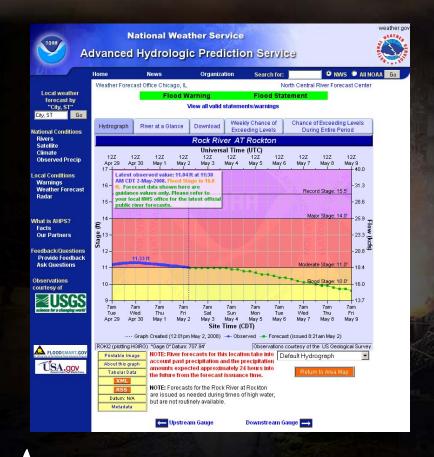
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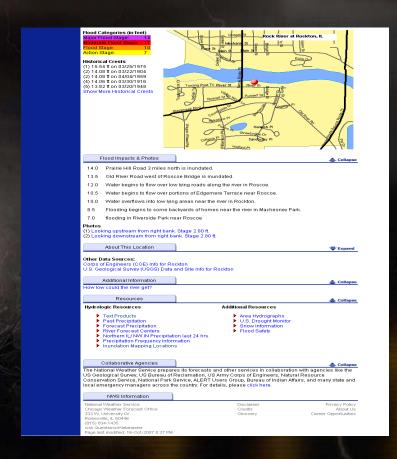
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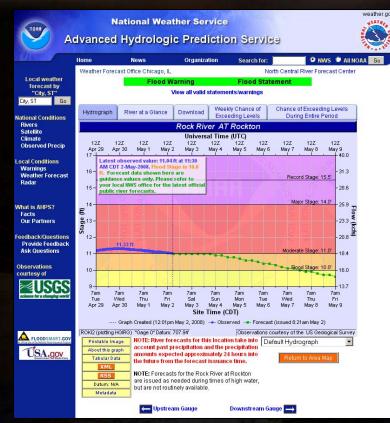
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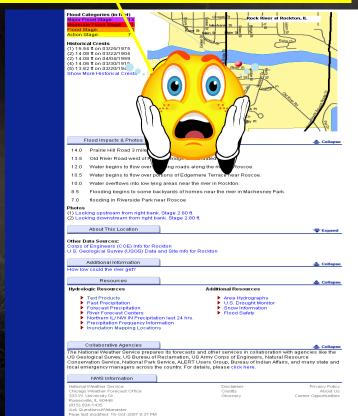
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Now the How Does this Forecast Affect My Community and Me?



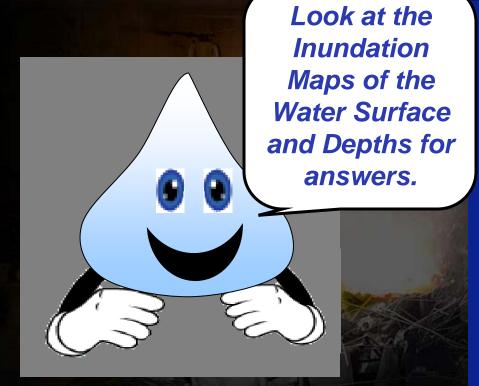


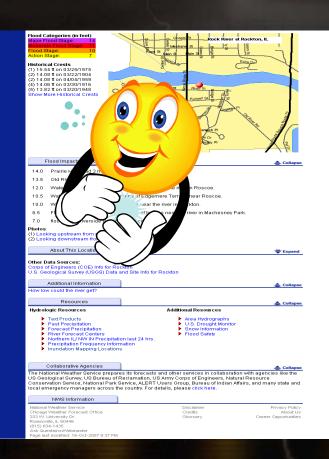
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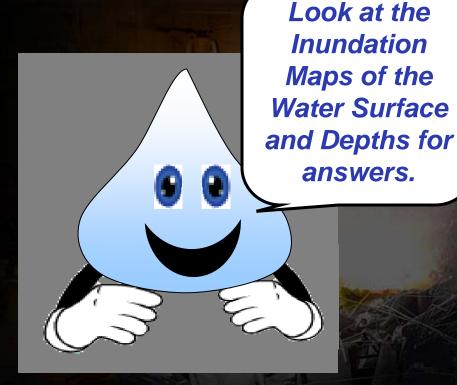
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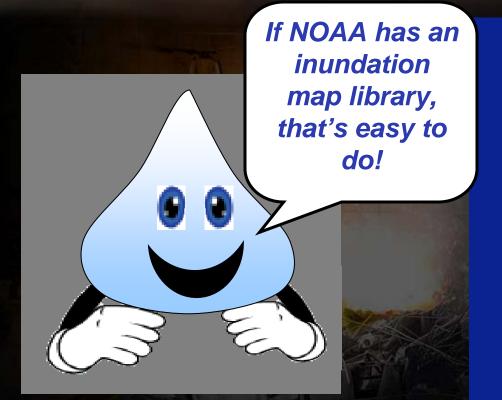
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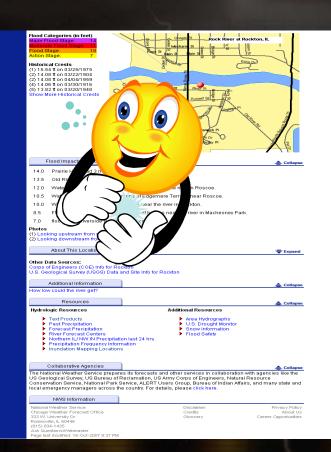
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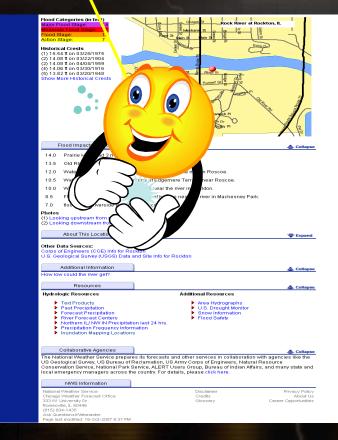
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Please show me!

If NOAA has an inundation map library, that's easy to do!



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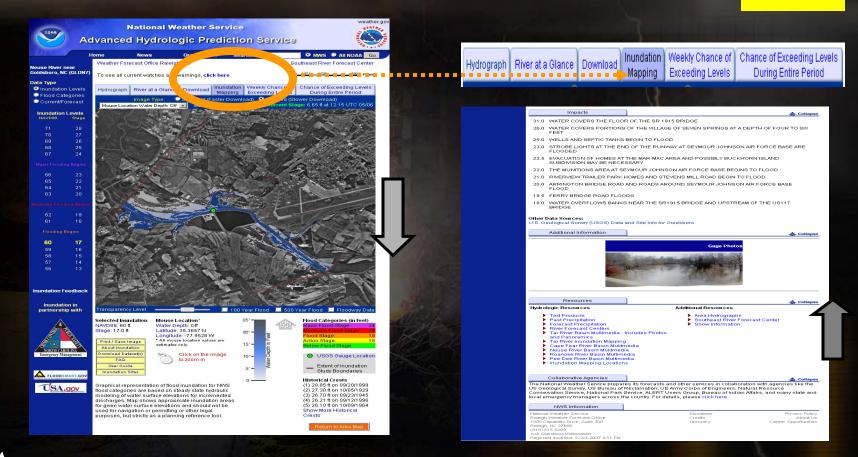
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Available Inundation Map Library





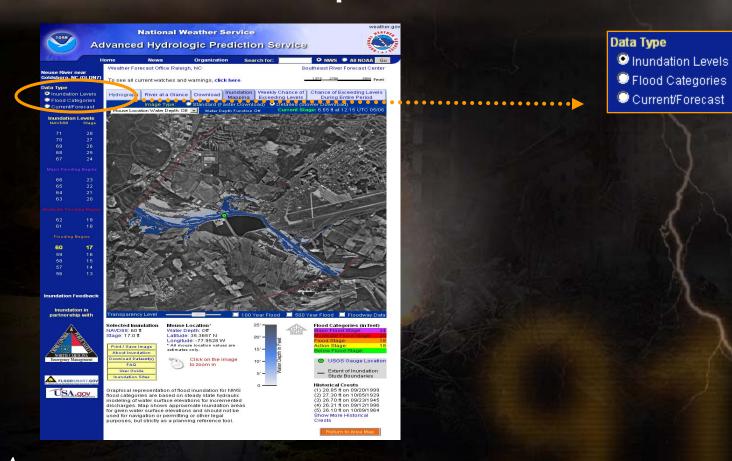
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Inundation Map Interface – Inundation Level



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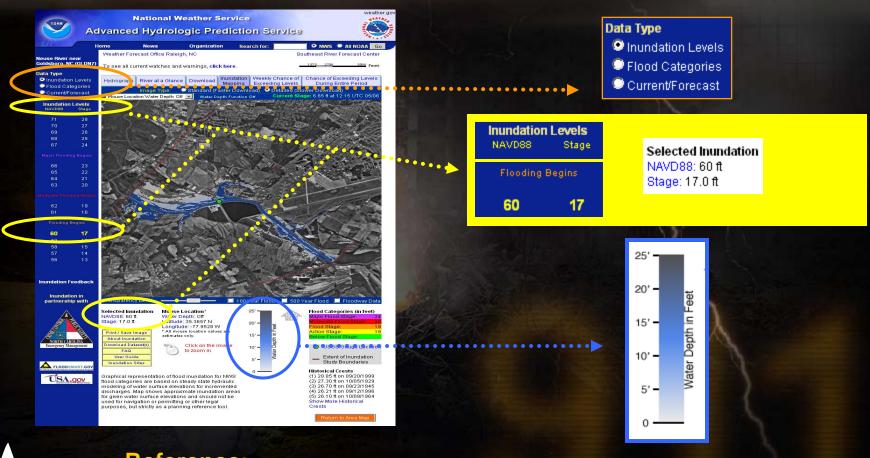
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Inundation Map Interface – Current Stage



Current Stage: 6.65 ft at 12:15 UTC 05/06

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Inundation Map Interface – Current Stage



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There's no troubles, until stage rises above 17.0 feet as depicted on map.

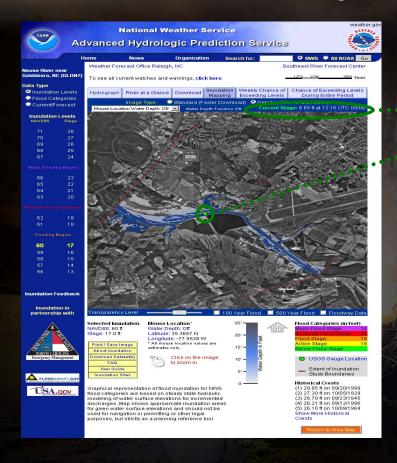
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Next slide will show what a stage of 17 feet means to you.

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Inundation Map Interface – Zoom Features



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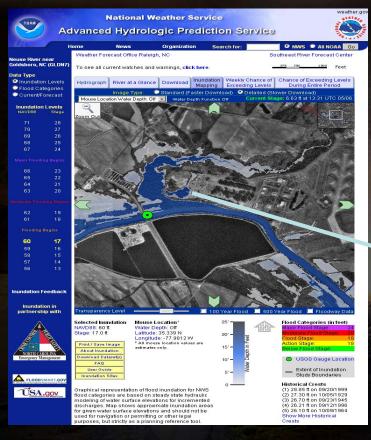
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Inundation Map Interface – Zoom with Water Depths

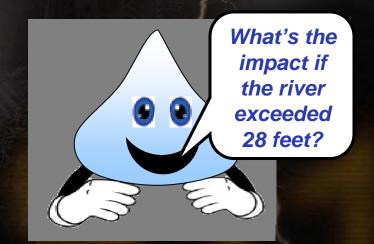


Historical Crests

- (1) 28.85 ft on 09/20/1999
- (2) 27.30 ft on 10/05/1929
- (3) 26.70 ft on 09/23/1945

Selected Inundation

NAVD88: 71 ft Stage: 28.0 ft



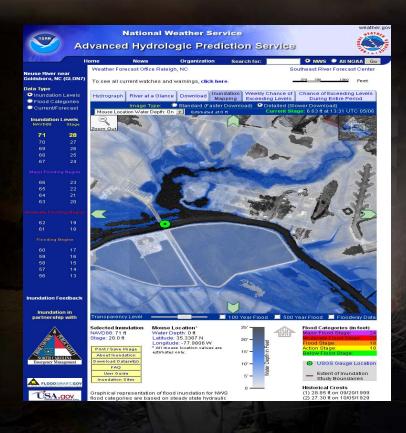
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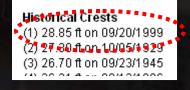
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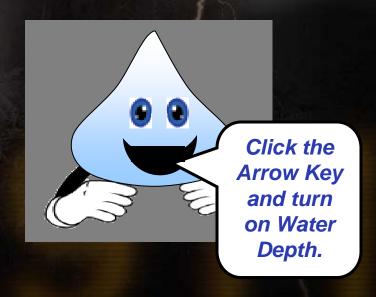
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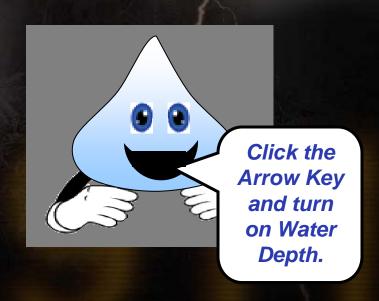


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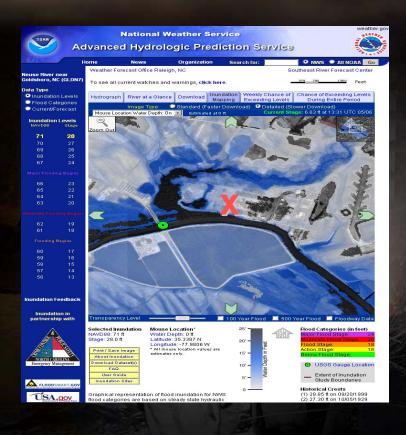
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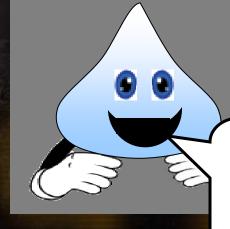


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You'll see how high the water got onto your roads.

Water Predictions

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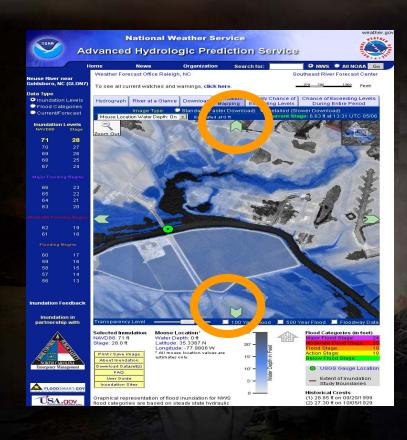
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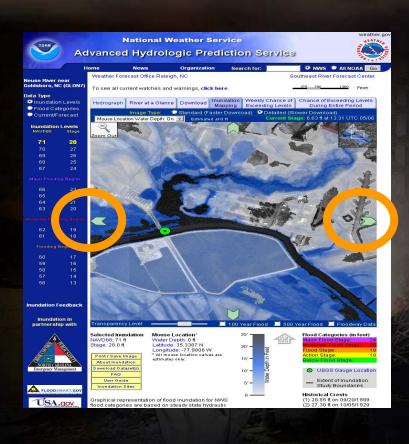
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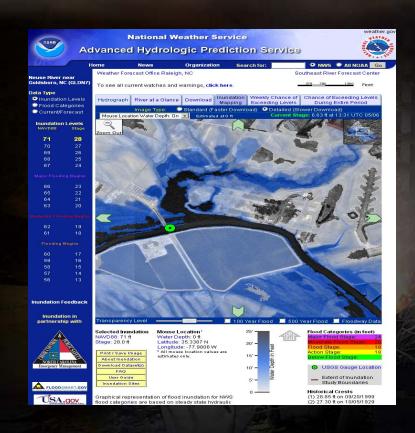
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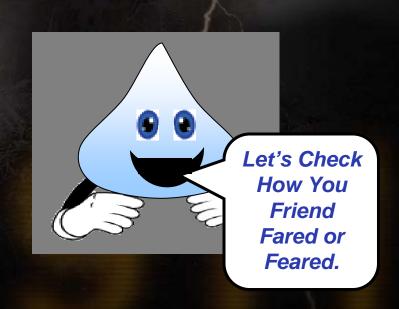
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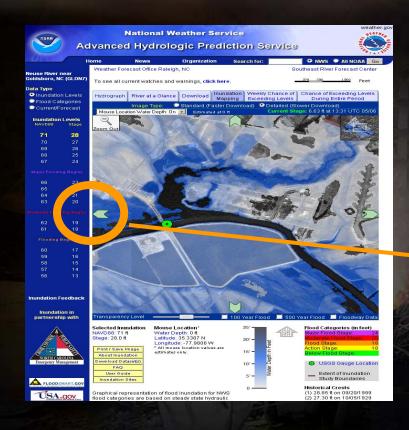
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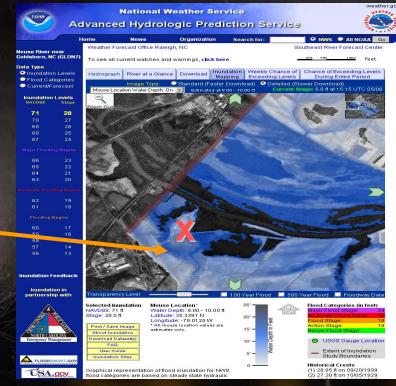
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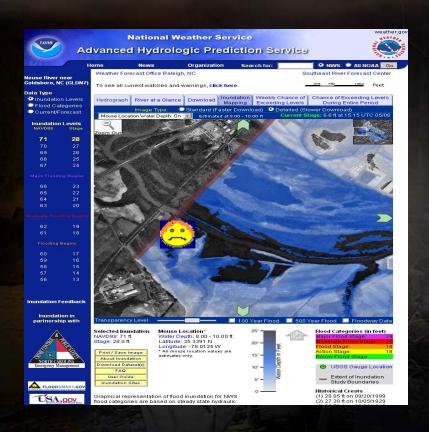
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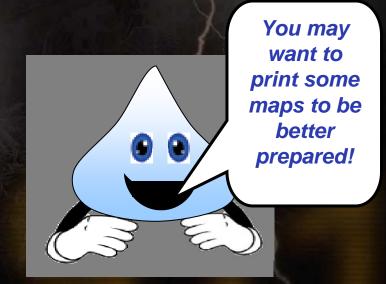
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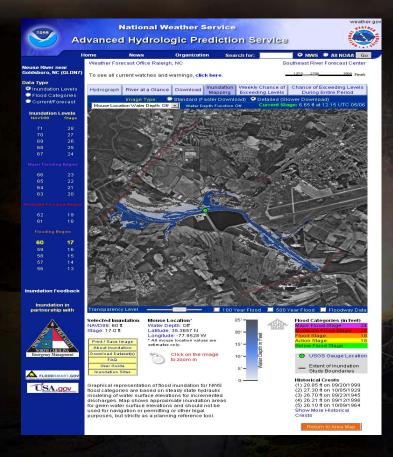
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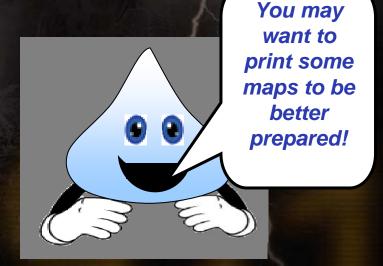
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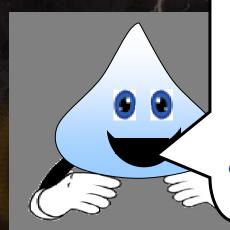
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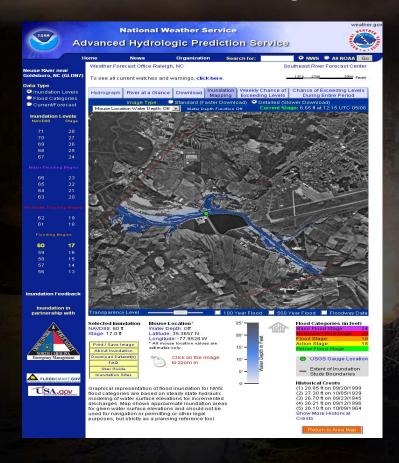
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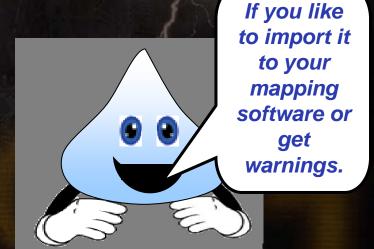


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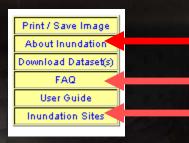
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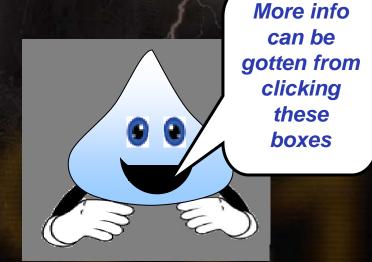
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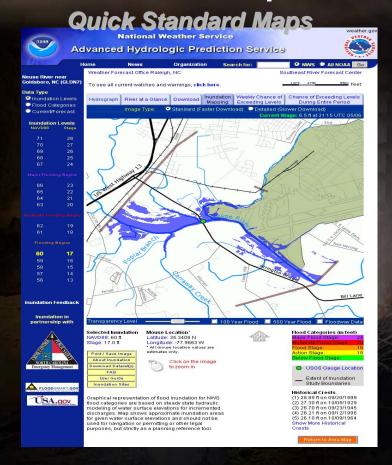
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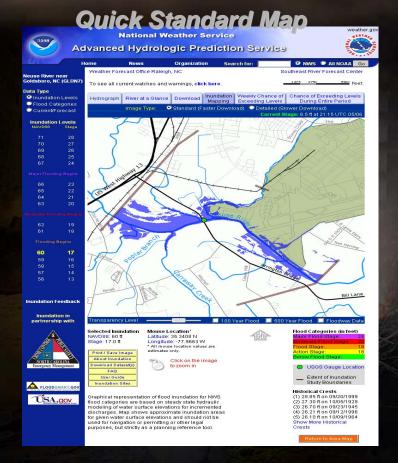


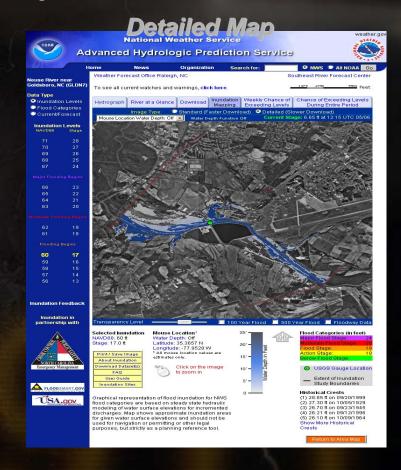
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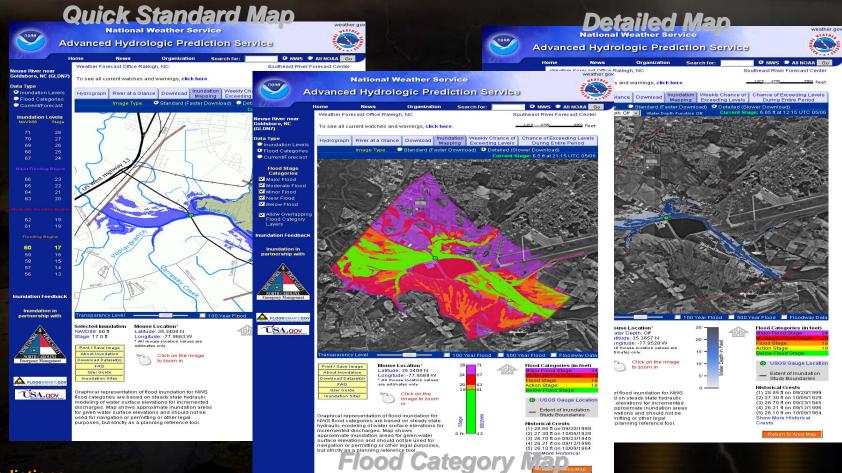
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Inundation Mapping





Flood Mapping Science

Inundation Map Development

Construction Engineering Design and Software Improvements

Pre-1995

- Engineering Design
- Computer Aided Design Drafting (CADD)

1995-2000

- Geographic Information System
- Hydrology and Hydraulics Modeling

1995

2000



Flood Mapping Science

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Regulatory and Mapping Improvements

2001-2005

- Flood Plain Management
- FEMA Map Modernization
- Aerial Survey, Satellite Imagery, LIDAR

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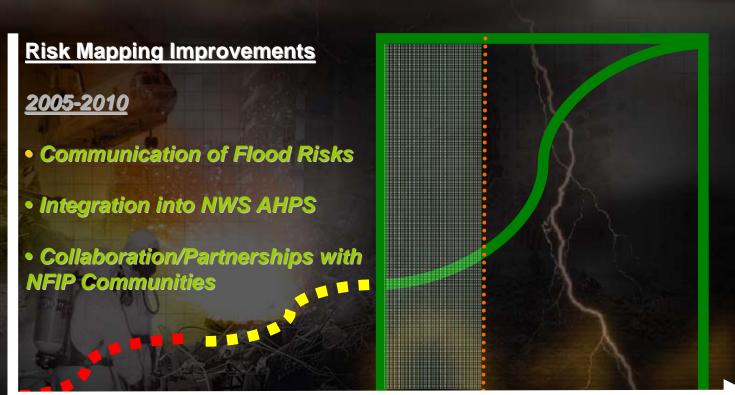
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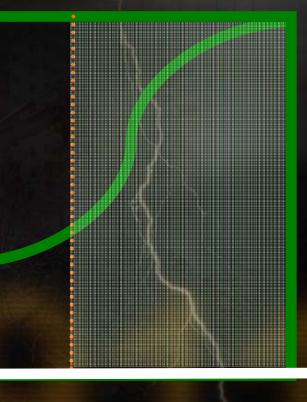
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Risk Mapping Improvements

2008 - 2015

- More Affordable LIDAR DATA
- More Expertise in H&H/GIS modeling
- More Collaboration/Partnerships
- More inundation mapping in high risk communities.



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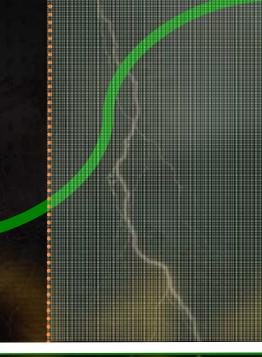
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National Risk Mapping Goals

- •Safer, Smarter, and more Resilient Communities.
- Reduce Repetitive Flood Losses
- Better Floodplain Management
- •Lower the Risks and Reduced the Liabilities





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Larry Wenzel

National Hydrologic Outreach Services Leader NOAA's National Weather Service

FEMA National Flood Conference Chicago, Illinois May 9, 2008



Presentation Overview

- Cool Stuff
- NOAA and FEMA Partnership
- Outreach Activities
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- NOAA WX Radio Drawing

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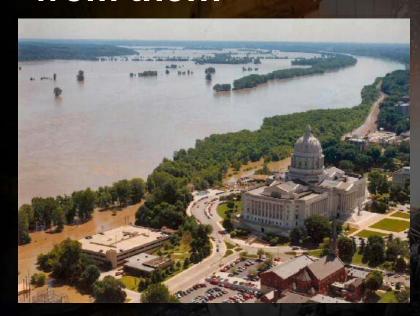


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Floods...a National Issue

Because floods can occur anytime/anywhere, from the...



State House



Your House

to



Floods...are a National Issue

...America needs both river and flood forecasts and warnings and flood insurance to mitigate and manage risk.



NWS Talks with America ...



- •Trained 9,940 emergency managers nationwide in joint NOAA/FEMA weather-related hazard courses.
- Conducted 5,464 public forums
- Conducted 40,838 media interviews
- Trained 95,438 Storm Spotters



Longstanding Partnership with FEMA



NOAA's National Weather Service

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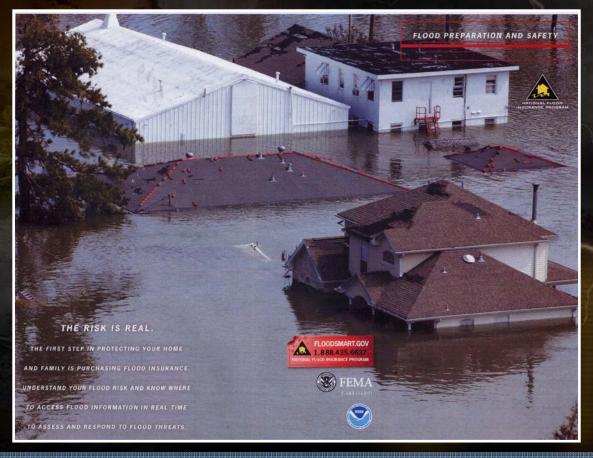
FEMA's FloodSmart







Joint Brochure National Weather Service / FloodSmart





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 - Map Service Center
 - FloodSmart: Learn more about the types of flood risks your home and property are facing.



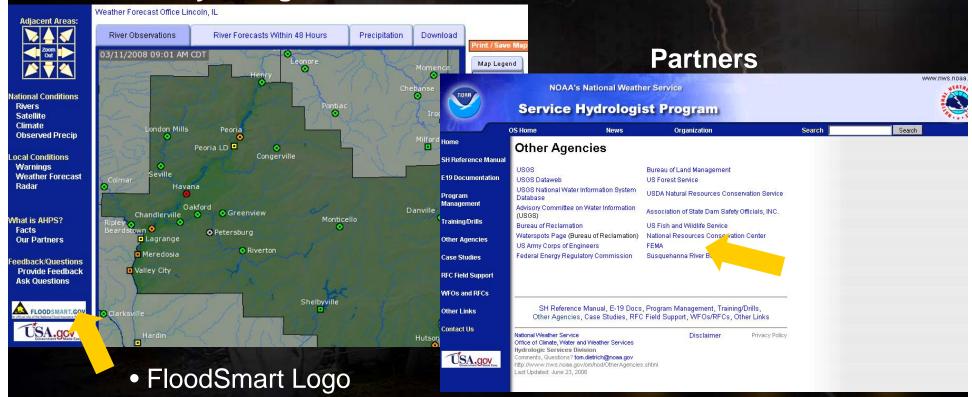
- Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH)
 - A Flood Overview

Implementation Sites



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The official site of the National Flood Insurance Program

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Check here regularly for critical updates about severe flood-causing weather.

Weather Links

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National Hurricane Center

NOAA Flood Page

USGS Water Watch





FEMA Insurance Outreach Materials





Cooperation



The National Weather Service and you can build safer, smarter, and more flood resilient communities.



Videos and DVDs On-Line www.weather.gov/os/water/Ahps.shtml

- 1. The Hidden Danger: Low water Crossings
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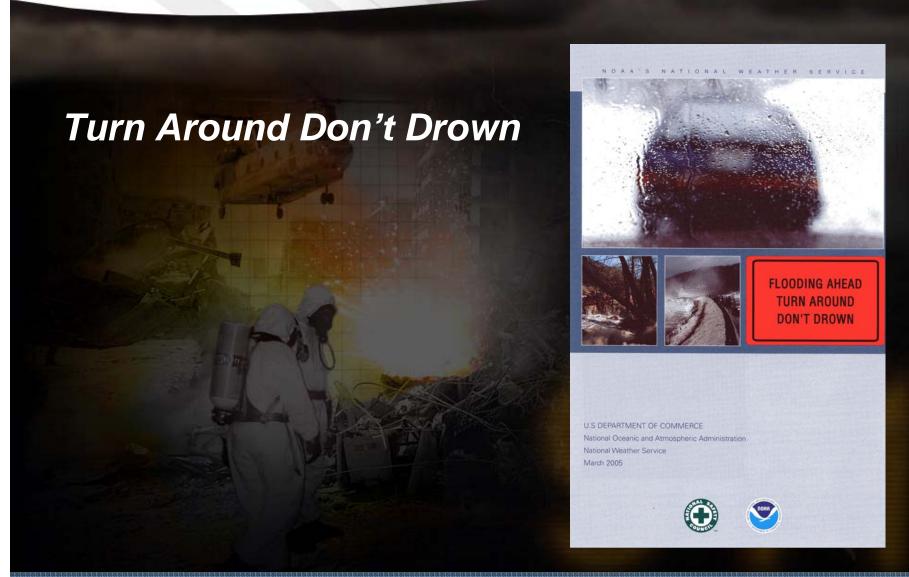




Turn Around Don't Drown









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FLOODING? BE SAFE! Turn Around Don't Drown

Bumper Sticker





Turn Around Don't Drown

What if an emergency manager knew how high the water was going to be over this bridge hours before the road flooded?

Is this possible?





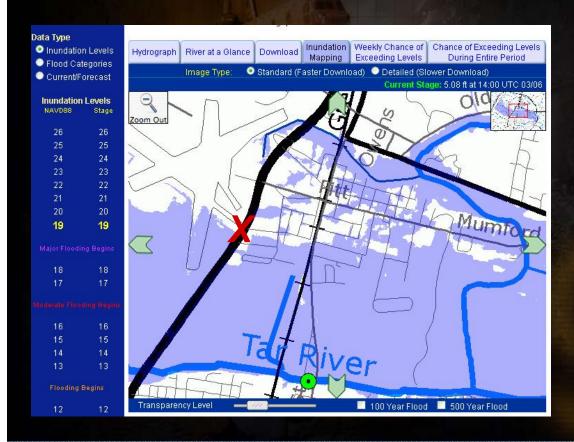
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And, what if an emergency manager had enough time to place an incident sign on the road before it flooded to re-route traffic?

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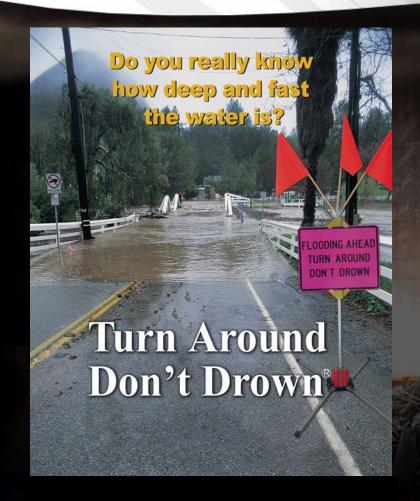


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Yes, with Flood Mapping capability!





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Incident Road Sign







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FLOODING AHEAD
TURN AROUND

I.S. Department of Transportation

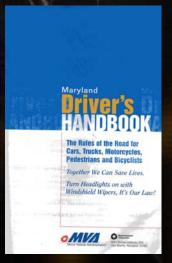
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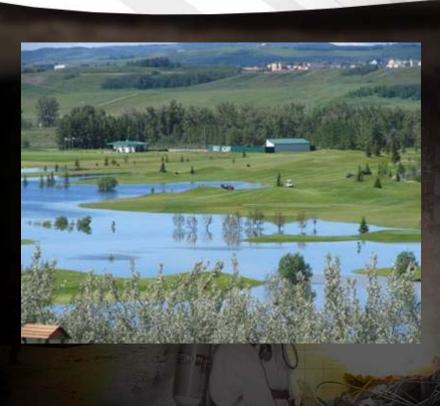
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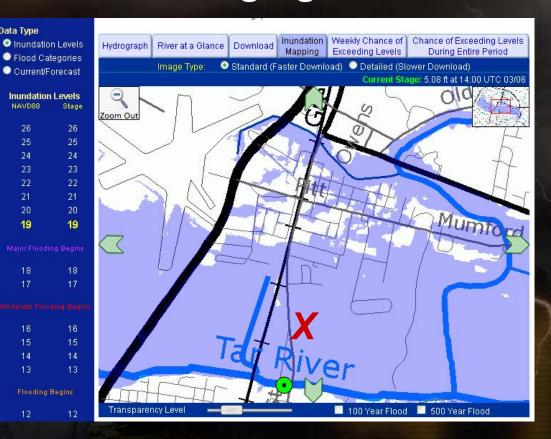
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Could this event have been avoided?



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Information for more informed decisions



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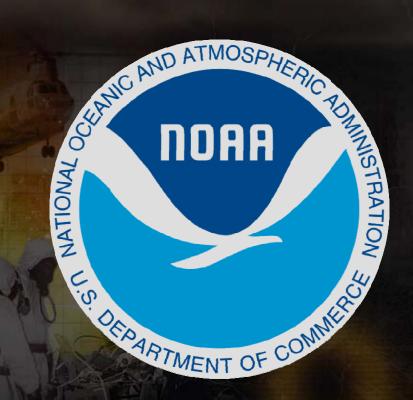


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NOAA Weather Radio Drawing





Forecasting Water from the Summit to the Sea