FLOOD WATCH

Example of a flood watch based on expected rainfall for several counties in a WFO area of responsibility. (Watch for geographical areas affected)

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BULLETIN - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED FLOOD WATCH NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE SAN DIEGO CA 350 AM PDT WED AUG 30 2000

- ...FLOOD WATCH FOR THE MOUNTAINS AND DESERTS OF SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING UNTIL 9 PM...
- ...THE FLOOD WATCH AREA INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNTIES...
- ...SOUTHWESTERN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY...INCLUDING THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY MOUNTAINS...AND THE APPLE AND YUCCA VALLEYS...
- ...WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY...INCLUDING THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY MOUNTAINS...AND THE COACHELLA VALLEY...
- ...SAN DIEGO COUNTY...INCLUDING THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY MOUNTAINS...AND THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY DESERTS...

MONSOONAL MOISTURE REMAINS ENTRENCHED ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS AND DESERTS OF SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA. NUMEROUS THUNDERSTORMS...WITH LOCALLY HEAVY RAINFALL...ARE EXPECTED TO DEVELOP ACROSS THE MOUNTAINS AND DESERTS OF SOUTHWEST CALIFORNIA THIS AFTERNOON... WITH SOME THUNDERSTORMS PERSISTING INTO THIS EVENING.

A FLOOD WATCH MEANS THAT FLOODING IS POSSIBLE BUT NOT IMMINENT IN THE WATCH AREA. PEOPLE IN THE WATCH AREA ARE ADVISED TO CHECK PREPAREDNESS REQUIREMENTS...KEEP INFORMED...AND BE READY FOR QUICK ACTION IF FLOODING THREATENS.

&& [NOTE: This will shorten the message for CRS]

RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING OR TRAVELING NEAR OR BELOW STEEP TERRAIN AND CANYONS...BELOW THE PALOMAR FIRE AND WILLOWS FIRE BURN AREAS...OR ALONG NORMALLY DRY WASHES AND CREEKS IN THE DESERT AREAS...SHOULD BE CLOSELY MONITORING WEATHER CONDITIONS AND BULLETINS TODAY. PERSONS HIKING OR CAMPING NEAR WASHES OR NORMALLY DRY STREAM BEDS ARE REMINDED THAT WASHES MAY FLOOD QUICKLY FROM THUNDERSTORMS MANY MILES AWAY.

ANOTHER STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED AROUND 10 AM...SOONER SHOULD CONDITIONS CHANGE SIGNIFICANTLY.

HAM OPERATORS...SKYWARN ACTIVATION MAY BE REQUIRED THIS AFTERNOON AND EVENING AND POSSIBLY THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

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BULLETIN - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED FLOOD WATCH NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WICHITA KS 407 AM CST THU MAR 23 2000

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE IN WICHITA HAS ISSUED A FLOOD WATCH FOR TODAY AND TONIGHT THROUGH 4 AM FOR

CENTRAL KANSAS...

ELLSWORTH LINCOLN MARION MCPHERSON BARTON RICE RUSSELL SALINE CHASE

SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS...

COWLEY HARPER HARVEY KINGMAN BUTLER RENO SEDGWICK SUMNER

THE FOLLOWING CITIES ARE INCLUDED IN THE WATCH...RUSSELL...GREAT BEND...SALINA... MCPHERSON... COTTONWOOD... FALLS... WICHITA... HUTCHINSON... EL DORADO... WINFIELD.

A STRONG STORM SYSTEM WILL MOVE NORTHEAST ACROSS KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA LATER TODAY AND TONIGHT. MOISTURE WILL CONTINUE TO BE DRAWN NORTHWARD INTO THE WATCH AREA AS THE STORM SYSTEM APPROACHES PRODUCING WIDESPREAD SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS. RAINFALL ACROSS CENTRAL AND SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS WILL BE HEAVY AT TIMES POSSIBLY PRODUCING MINOR TO MODERATE FLOODING.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE DOPPLER RADAR AT WICHITA INDICATED WIDESPREAD RAINFALL AMOUNTS OF ONE HALF INCH TO 1 INCH HAD FALLEN OVER WESTERN PARTS OF CENTRAL AND SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS OVERNIGHT. ONE INCH RAIN TOTALS WITH LOCALIZED AMOUNTS OF 2 INCHES POSSIBLE WHERE THUNDERSTORMS OCCUR BY LATE TONIGHT AND WILL QUICKLY SATURATE SOIL.

PERSONS IN THE WATCH AREA SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY FOR HEAVY RAINFALL...AVOID LOW LYING AREAS...AND BE CAREFUL WHEN APPROACHING HIGHWAY DIPS AND UNDERPASSES. BE PREPARED TO SEEK HIGHER GROUND IN THE EVENT A WARNING IS ISSUED FOR YOUR AREA.

FLOODING IS POSSIBLE ESPECIALLY IN LOW LYING AREAS...AND NEAR STREAMS AND CREEKS. IN ADDITION...A FEW AREA MAINSTEM RIVERS COULD SEE SIGNIFICANT RISES AND POSSIBLY FLOOD LATER FRIDAY INTO SATURDAY.

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