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South Dakota Flood Watch Web Page Available

A new flood watch web page to help track the current flooding conditions in South Dakota will be released today by the U.S. Geological Survey.

The web page can be accessed at http://sd.water.usgs.gov/projects/2010flooding/.

The <u>South Dakota Flood Watch</u> web page shows locations of streamgages where the water level is above flood stage or at high flow and provides flood tracking charts and tables of recent and historical flood peak flows.

"Many of the USGS streamgages in eastern South Dakota are at or above flood stage," said Joyce Williamson, USGS hydrologist. "Because the stage for many streams may continue to rise, graphs are available that compare current water levels to historical peaks including those that occurred in 1997, 2001, and 2009."

Links to additional information about floods, including flood safety, also are provided.

Areas currently above flood stage are:

Big Sioux River: Florence, Castlewood, Bruce, Brookings, Dell Rapids, Sioux Falls

Elm River: Frederick, Westport, Ordway

Firesteel Creek: Mount Vernon

Foot Creek: Aberdeen

James River: Columbia, Stratford, Ashton, Huron, Mitchell, Forestburg, and Scotland

Little Minnesota River: Peever Moccasin Creek: Aberdeen Vermillion River: Vermillion

West Fork Vermillion River: Parker

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