

# Fact Sheet

# Carbon County Floods 6/18/22



Flood Information Line: 406-426-2425

Inciweb: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/article/8161/69100/>

Facebook: Carbon Alert

Start date: June 12, 2022

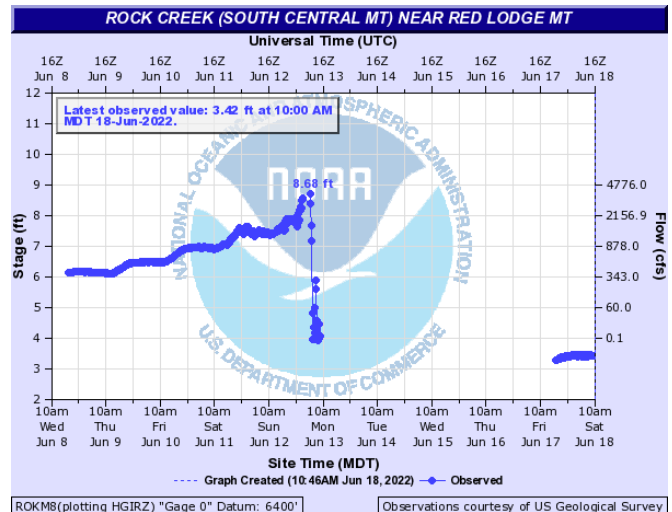
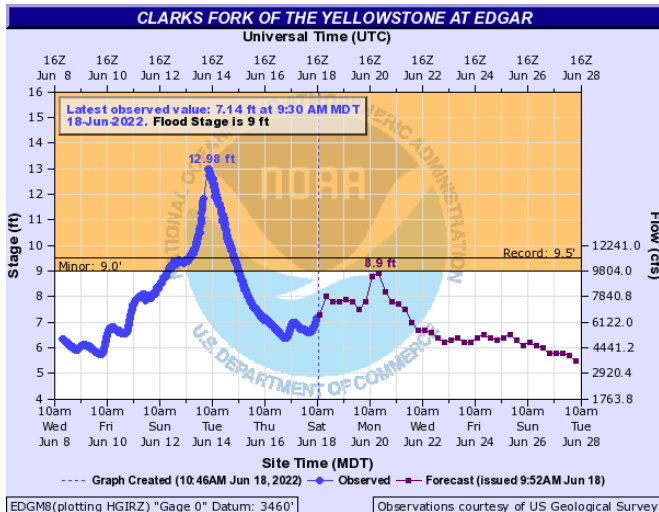
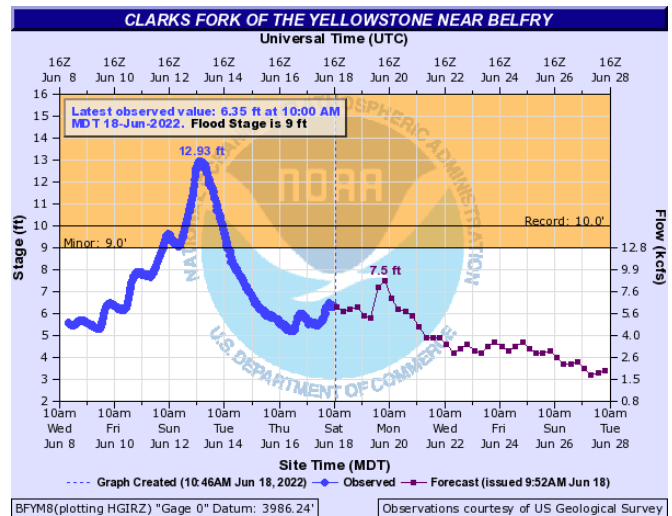
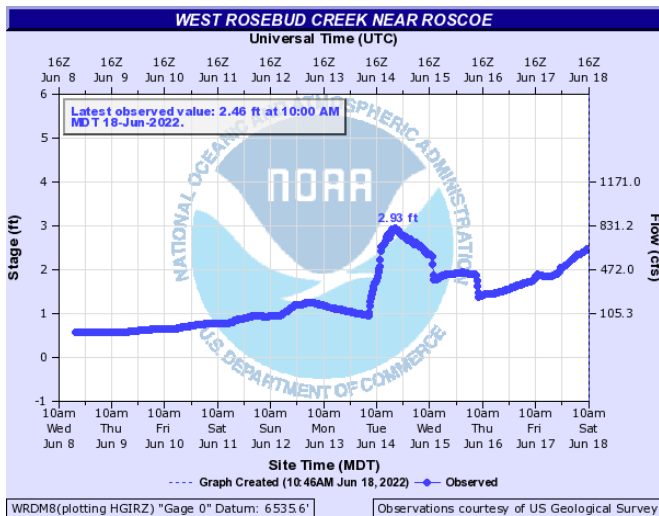
Location: Carbon County

Cause: Snow melt and precipitation

**\*\*Unsafe conditions remain in the flooded area, please stay away from closed areas. Heavy equipment will be working in the area and many areas remain unsafe due to undercut sidewalks, roads and bridges\*\***

## Local River Gauge Charts

For the latest information go to: <https://www.weather.gov/byz/hydrographs#ClarksForkoftheYellowstone>



**Weather:** Hot temperatures persist across the County Saturday, 6/18, with temperatures expected in the 80s and 90s depending on location. Cooler temperatures and precipitation are forecasted for Sunday and Monday, 6/19-6/20. River levels are being monitored with the changing conditions.

**Evacuation Shelters:** The American Red Cross has setup evacuation shelters at the Red Lodge Fairgrounds and Fromberg High School (Food and supplies only). Numerous individuals are sleeping at the Red Cross shelter located at the Red Lodge Fairgrounds.

**Current evacuation orders in effect:** No evacuation orders in effect. The Fromberg area is still under an evacuation warning, which will remain in place through the weekend.

**Custer Gallatin NF Closure:** The Beartooth, Yellowstone and Gardiner Ranger Districts are under an emergency public safety closure. Forest Service personnel are focused on life, human safety, and property, including helping local counties and assessing critical infrastructure across those three districts. Additional information on this closure order can be found on the Custer Gallatin webpage here:  
<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/custergallatin/alerts-notice>.

**Boil Water Order:** The boil order for the community of Edgar has been lifted. All drinking water from the tap in Red Lodge and Fromberg should be boiled before use. Public Works has re-established water service to parts of the affected area in Red Lodge. Areas in the southeast part of Red Lodge remain without water. Additional repairs are being made to re-establish the area effected.

**Red Lodge Community Update:** County crews pulled out the damaged Meeteetse Trail Bridge on Friday, 6/17. A temporary bridge is on order. Additional temporary bridges are on order and will be deployed to areas in need upon arrival.

On Friday, 6/17, Senator Jon Tester visited Carbon County to meet with officials and tour flood damage and response efforts.

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Highway 308 to Bearcreek/Belfry is open to the public.

Equipment operators stabilized the 19<sup>th</sup> St. bridge, to be used for emergency response efforts and local traffic only. Highway 212 south of Red Lodge is open to local traffic only.

National Guard and local law enforcement are in the area to help manage traffic.

Areas in the southeast part of Red Lodge remain without water. Crews are working to assess extent of the damage, and repair issues to re-establish water service to the affected area.

Two large dumpsters are located at Red Lodge Recycling. Additional dumpsters have been ordered. Items damaged by the flood should be broken down to the smallest size possible and brought to the dumpsters. If dumpsters are full, do not leave items on the ground.

Organic matter (i.e. tree branches) may be brought to the Red Lodge Fire Rescue Training Center, open 12-7 pm, located at 228 Highway 78.

**Fromberg Community Update:** The volunteer coordinator from Red Lodge visited Fromberg on Friday, 6/18, to help organize volunteer efforts, including outreach and prioritization of needs.

The local bridge has been inspected and approved for use.

The sewer plant is up and running with no major water leaks.

City water is being re-established, with a single well running at this time.

An information board was posted in Fromberg Friday, 6/17, to provide non-digital information to the community.

Food and water are available at the Fromberg High School.

Two dumpsters are now located at the baseball field. Items damaged by the flood may be broken down to the smallest size possible and brought to the dumpsters. If dumpsters are full, do not leave items on the ground.

**Edgar/Rockvale Community Update:** Edgar Lagoon was drained and repaired Friday, 6/17, and the lagoon is now operational. Grapevine road is open, and crews were in the area Friday, 6/17, to fix other road issues.

*\*6/17 - This is a message from Carbon County Disaster and Emergency Services. If you are a resident of the Town of Edgar, be advised the water boil order has been lifted and you can return to normal water usage. The evaluation of the sewer lagoons is still in progress, but it is hoped to have more information regarding their integrity very soon. Please continue to use the portable toilets provide, and keep sewer system usage to a minimum. Any questions, please call the flooding hotline at 406-426-2425. Thank you.*

**Bridger Community Update:** Orchard ditch work has been completed. Two other headgates in the area are being monitored.

**Belfry Community Update:** The Riverview Lane Bridge south of Belfry has been repaired, and crews will move onto fixing Lover's Lane. Crews are hopeful they can complete the work in a couple days.

**Roscoe Community Update:** Crews are still working on Highway 78 access to Roscoe, and anticipate work to be completed the middle part of next week.

Commissioner Bullock, and members of the Incident Management Team will be stationed in Roscoe on Saturday, 6/18, to engage with, and answer questions from community members. They will be located at the Grizzly Bar parking lot, located at 22 E Rosebud Rd, Roscoe, MT 59071, from 3-4pm.

#### **Additional Information:**

- There is an account set up at the Billings Regional Landfill for flooded Carbon County residents to use. The Carbon County Relief Fund will cover the charges, but you must get a charge code from the Red Lodge Volunteer tent on 15th & Platt, the volunteer tent in Fromberg, or by calling the Carbon County Disaster Relief line at 406-445-7258.
- Numerous headgates and irrigation ditches in Carbon County have been damaged. County residents planning to do emergency repair work on irrigation structures may need to coordinate with the appropriate offices below. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.
  - Carbon County Conservation District: 406-962-3641 Ext 115 or via cell 406-930-5441
  - Carbon County website to access Emergency Notification Form: <https://co.carbon.mt.us/departments/floodplain/>
  - Farm Service Agency in Joliet: 406-962-3300
  - Natural Resource Conservation Service: 406-962-3641
- Helicopters may be working in the area. Due to air traffic, **do not fly drones** in the area.
- The Montana National Guard is assisting with traffic control.
- The Army Corps of Engineers is assisting local communities with engineering needs.
- The Red Lodge Hospital is operational.
- Sandbags have been stockpiled throughout the communities. The public can get sandbags if needed.

#### **Resources Assigned:**

Western Montana Type III Incident Management Team, Carbon County DES, Carbon County Sheriff's Office, Red Lodge Police Department, Red Lodge Fire & Rescue, Montana Highway Patrol, Fromberg Volunteer Fire Department, Bridger EMS, Bridger Volunteer Fire, American Red Cross, City of Red Lodge, Public Works, USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, FEMA, Beartooth Billings Clinic, Carbon County Public Health Department, Montana Department of Transportation, Montana FWP Game Wardens, Two Bear Air, Army Corps of Engineers, and Montana National Guard.

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