

Fact Sheet

Carbon County Floods 6/19/22



Flood Information Line: 406-426-2425

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

Facebook: [Carbon Alert](#)

Start date: June 12, 2022

Location: Carbon County

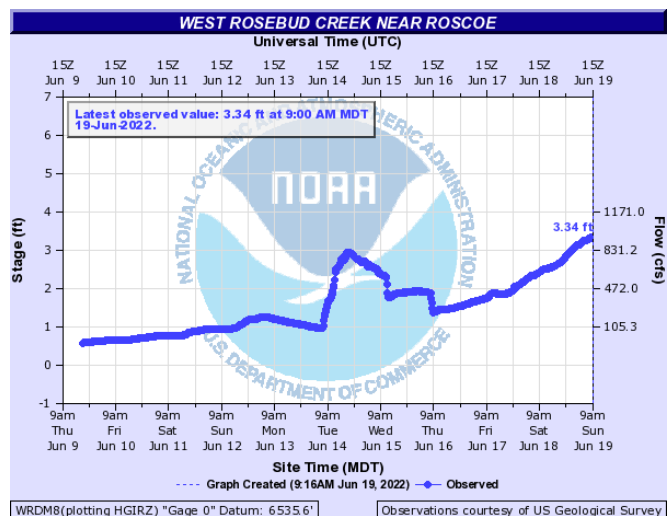
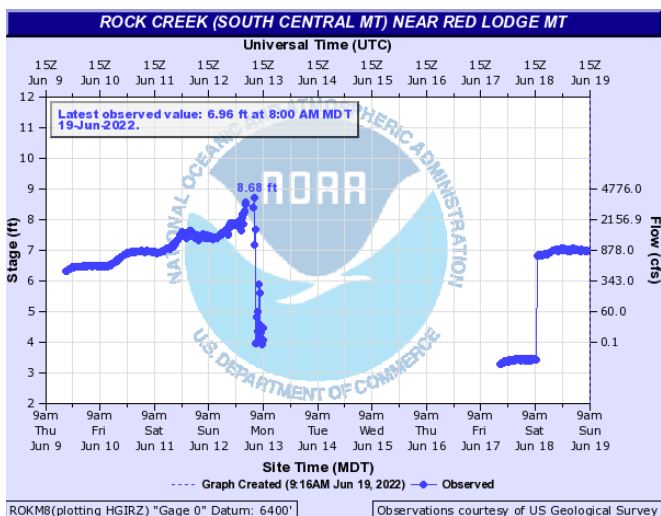
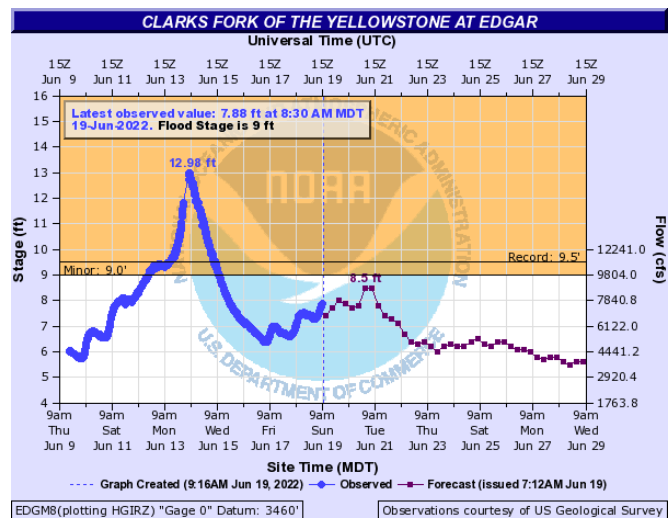
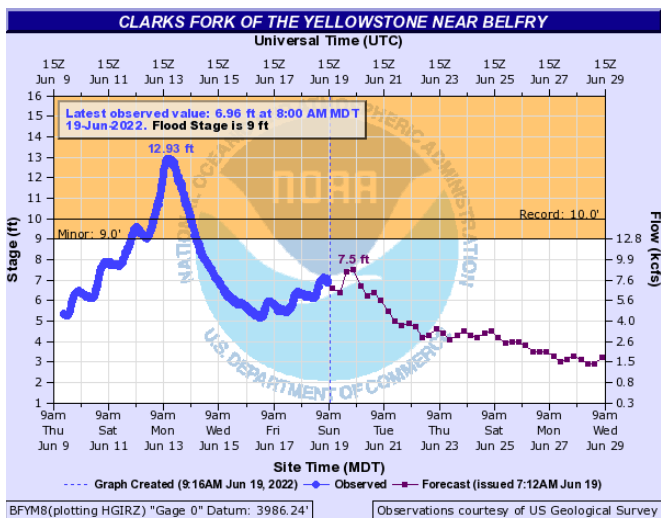
Cause: Snow melt and precipitation

****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>

Please note, the Rock Creek Hydrograph near Red Lodge has not been verified after coming back online.



Volunteer Tracking: It is critical that volunteer hours and donations be tracked on volunteer forms found at the [Carbon Alert Facebook](https://carbonalert.org/incidents/), <https://carbonalert.org/incidents/>, and at the volunteer tent. You can also call the hotline at 406-445-7258. This information will help Carbon County quantify volunteer efforts which is necessary to offset costs for the FEMA process.

Weather: Cooler temperatures and gusty winds across the County Sunday, 6/19, with high temperatures expected in the 60s and 70s. Two rounds of storms are forecasted, the first between 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, and the second between 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Up to ½” of rain may be received, and winds could gust up to 60 mph. With up to ½” of rain in the forecast, the National Weather Service modeled a 10% of hitting minor flood stage on the Clarks Fork near Edgar area. 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, but eight cots are still available to those in need.

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: 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: Hundreds of volunteers continued recovery efforts, and mucked sediment out of a dozen basements on Saturday, 6/18. Additional homeowners received assistance with having damaged items removed from homes.

Trash pickup will resume Monday for the areas in Red Lodge affected by the flood.

A potable water truck is stationed at the Civic Center Parking Lot and is available for use; bring a container.

County crews pulled out the damaged Meeteetse Trail Bridge on Friday, 6/17, and plan to deploy a temporary bridge to the area to restore traffic. Bridge timeline will be approximately 30 days. Additional temporary bridges are on order and will be deployed to areas in need upon arrival.

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

19th St. bridge, and Highway 212 south of Red Lodge are 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 the 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.

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: East River Rd. has been transitioned to local traffic only to provide space for heavy equipment and crews to support cleanup operations.

Approx. 70 volunteers mucked out homes on East River Rd. on Saturday, 6/18, and will continue those efforts.

The local bridge has been inspected and approved for use. The bridge will be monitored with increased flows on Sunday, 6/19, to ensure no large trees or debris get lodged behind the bridge.

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

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

An information board is being maintained at the Fromberg Post Office to provide non-digital information.

Food and water are available at the Fromberg High School.

Flood damaged items and debris may be brought to the city park, to be disposed of later.

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.

Bridger Community Update: Orchard ditch work completed. Two other headgates 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 met with community members at the Grizzly Bar on Saturday, 6/18, to engage with, and answer questions. The meeting is posted on the [Carbon Alert Facebook](#) page and <https://carbonalert.org/incidents/>.

Additional Information:

- Be aware that gusty winds on Sunday, 6/19, could pose risks to standing trees with weakened root systems. Be aware of overhead hazards during windy conditions.
- 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 must notify the Conservation District of work within 15 days. 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 (Office likely closed Monday, 6/20).
 - Natural Resource Conservation Service: 406-962-3641 (Office likely closed Monday, 6/20).
- Helicopters may be working in the area. Due to air traffic, **do not fly drones** in the area.
- Local law enforcement and the Montana National Guard are managing traffic.
- The Army Corps of Engineers is assisting local communities with engineering needs.
- The Red Lodge Hospital is operational, with some limitations due to the boil water order.
- Sandbags have been stockpiled throughout the communities. The public can get sandbags if needed.
- If you are visiting the Red Lodge area, be aware of construction operations and safety hazards.

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.

For current information follow the Carbon Alert Facebook page or call 406-426-2425.