

NWO

From: Farhat, Jody S NWD02
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 7:14 AM
To: [REDACTED] NWO
Subject: Re: Flood Update #1 (UNCLASSIFIED)

Thanks, [REDACTED] I just wanted to make sure I had the latest information since I have to give a Water management update to MRRIC today.

Have a good day!

Jody

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From: [REDACTED] NWO
To: Farhat, Jody S NWD02
Cc: [REDACTED] NWD02; [REDACTED] NWD02; [REDACTED] NWD02
Sent: Wed Feb 16 06:59:10 2011
Subject: RE: Flood Update #1 (UNCLASSIFIED)

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(I apologize if you have received this multiple times, but am having issues with my email.)

Jody,

You are correct in saying in a "few specific areas", I just didn't choose my wording well tonight. I will adjust in an update and the next report as well.

Thanks,
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From: Farhat, Jody S NWD02
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 1:23 AM
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[REDACTED] are the snow water equivalents at record levels "across the District" or just in a few specific areas? From what I've seen, it seems that the snow is higher than it was last year at this time in some locations (especially eastern Montana), but for the most part, it's less

widespread (think eastern Nebraska and western Iowa) and with lower water equivalents than the peak snow water equivalents seen last year.

Just trying to understand what your folks are seeing as the threat. I know they are watching it closely and I want to be singing off the same sheet of music.

Jody

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From: [REDACTED] NWO
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 11:45 PM
To: DLL-CENWO-EOC CMT-ALL
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1. Situation

NWO currently sits with record snow water equivalent across the District. Main areas of concern are WY, MT, ND, and SD. The areas are seeing above freezing temperatures at this time and are beginning to melt.

2. Weather

Temperatures in the Pine Ridge, SD area projected to be in the 50s through the weekend and then sliding back into the low 30s with 30% chance of precipitation. In the 5-day QPF, totals of 1" of precip forecasted over the Western portions of MT, WY, and CO with traces across ND, SD, and NE.

3. EOC Operations

EOC remains at Level I - Normal Operations - Hours 0730-1600

On 2/15/2011, NWO requested \$30K of Code 200 funding to support EOC Activation.

Total Code 200 Funding received to date for this event: \$0 Number of personnel supporting EOC Operations: 1

The EOC is continuing to coordinate with the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Reservation, the State of SD, and FEMA Region VIII.

NWO received a request for assistance from the Tribe on 15 February 2011.

3.1 Field Operations

NWO Tribal Liaison, Joel Ames, is on site. He got them to stand up an EOC with the first meeting at 0900 tomorrow. He has them talking now as today they were providing different request from different positions within the Tribe. The State has had a representative on the ground since yesterday but couldn't get them to all come together and communicate.

Current known situation -

4 homes confirmed lost in the Pine Ridge Community area.

One Bridge Closed due to safety concerns.

Construction crews WILL be on shift work monitoring for Ice and debris build up. Removal equipment made available around the clock.

Tribe is out of Sandbags. Found a local source in Rapid to purchase the last 3,000 available. Tribe is still looking for an additional 3,000. State says they do not have any in area to assist.

A section of a key roadway has been shut down due to safety concerns. Tribe now coordinating with SD-DOT.

Assisted Tribe in drafting of Disaster Declaration to State. This may open additional assistance.

Visit to outer areas to begin later tomorrow.

Tribe is seeking any type of stream flow projections that might be available for presentation at morning EOC meeting.

Tribe has asked if Corps could assist in determining proper Culvert size. Current design shows system lacks ability to handle large flows.

Tribe asked when/if FEMA would show up?

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are ready to deploy to the area with sandbags in the morning. Joel is going to get the official count of the number of sandbags they need at the 0900 meeting.

Water Control will have them a more detailed summary on conditions in the morning but as of now, it appears to have peaked already. Joel also has them monitoring with stakes to determine rate of rise.

We are working with the State to coordinate FEMA. Emails have been sent as well.

4. Crisis Management

Crisis Management Team meeting held on 14 Feb 2011 to prepare for abnormally high snowpack within the District and spring runoff. CMT will continue to be updated through email. If CMT meeting is warranted, the CMT will be notified.

5. Command and Control

COL Robert Ruch, Commander 402.995.2001/402.779.1454 LTC James Jordano, Deputy Commander 402.995.2002/402.350.3747 [REDACTED] Deputy District Engineer [REDACTED] Katie Schenk, Chief, Operations Division 402.995.2435/402.926.6257 [REDACTED], Chief, Readiness Branch [REDACTED] Natural Disaster Program Manager, Readiness Branch [REDACTED], Tribal Liaison [REDACTED]

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CMT,

Per [REDACTED]s Contact with the Oglala Sioux Tribe at Pine Ridge Reservation: A large area by the White River and Calico Creek are continuing to flood. Several roads are impassible, with residents trapped in home. Some of the residents are elders requiring Medical Attention. At least one school is at risk of flooding. One Council Member expressed concerns over limited resources. I did speak briefly with the Tribes Acting Emergency Manager, Arlene Catches

Enemy (she is new to this job), she was unaware of the assistance the Corps could provide. She is attempting to reach the Tribal Chairman, John YellowBird Steele, to get the Tribe moving on a request for assistance from the Corps. I will attempt to walk the Chairman through the crafting of the request if he cannot locate the Corps Information packages we sent them. More to follow as information becomes available. FYSA, if we are sending folks there I should be present to assist, OST can be very challenging to work with. We have a Great Opportunity to build a relationship here, want to make sure we do it right.

EM is currently working to contact the Tribe to speak with them directly. Two individuals will depart to provide assistance. Joel will be traveling back from Denver to assist the Tribe as well. We will be asking HQ for Class 200 emergency operations funds due to active flooding.

EM was contacted this morning by Ms. Julia Sage, a representative of the Ponca Tribe in Niobrara, Nebraska. Ms. Sage was requesting technical assistance in the assessment of current ice conditions and flood potential at the Highway 12 and Highway 14 junction. She stated that there is currently no problem. However, contingent on weather conditions, the potential exists for ice jams and flooding. She is interested in knowing what actions would be required to alleviate/prevent flooding and when to initiate same. Two Corps representatives (currently being identified) will deploy on 16 February to meet with Ms. Sage and assess the situation. This is the same area as we have been looking at prior.

Thanks,

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