

Press Release



By Order of the Tribal Chairman

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FLOOD ALERT

Nixon, NV 01/06/2017 – Due to current weather conditions in the Reno-Sparks Area, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, in coordination with relevant law enforcement and other agencies, is making emergency preparations for flooding to occur along the Truckee River. Heavy rains will begin on January 7th, melting the above-average snow pack up to 9,000 ft. elevation. The Truckee River is projected to crest on early Sunday evening, January 8th, at major flood stage levels.

All Pyramid Lake community members are urged to prepare for flooding along the Truckee River, possible road and bridge closures, and the possible disruption of services such as electricity or communication systems. Residents should ensure that they have sufficient drinking water, medicines, food, pet supplies, alternative heat sources, fuel in your vehicles, and all other necessities in the event these systems are impaired. Ranchers should move livestock or equipment to higher ground.

Beginning Saturday afternoon, sandbags will be made available to residents at the Sutcliffe Fire Station, and at Conestoga Park, located at 101 Lincoln Hwy, in Wadsworth.

Please be aware that residents must be able to fill and transport their own sandbags, but volunteers will be on hand to provide assistance if needed.

An Emergency Command Center will be set up at the Pyramid Lake Tribal Office in Nixon, and emergency shelter will be available at the Nixon Gym, Wadsworth Community Building, and the Sutcliffe Fire Station. The Tribe is also ensuring there will be access to minor emergency medical care at the Pyramid Lake Tribal Clinic. All department heads and staff are requested to remain on stand-by Sunday, January 8th, in the event your assistance is needed.

Please check the following sources of information for the most current information:

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Tribal Office: 775-574-1000

Tribal Chairman's Facebook Page: Vinton Hawley PLPT Tribal Chairman's Page

PLPT Website: <http://www.pyramidlake.us/> , <http://plpt.nsn.us/>

Twitter: @plpt

EMT Cassandra Darrough: 775-741-2989

Charlene Dressler: 775-770-4941

As always, we trust our community members will work together to take care of each other, and to help those in need. Thank you all for your efforts.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

All Emergencies: 911

Washoe County/Tribal Dispatch: 775-574-0444

Pyramid Lake Ranger Station: 775-476-1155

Marine Distress: Channel 16

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