



Huerfano County Office of Emergency Management
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Spring Creek Fire Flooding

The Huerfano County Office of Emergency Management advises all residents and visitors to the area that increased, potentially life threatening flooding may occur in and below the Spring Fire Burn Scar. (Also sometimes referred to as the Spring Creek Fire.) These increased risks will be present for several years to come. Even small rains have the potential to produce damaging and life threatening situations. These may occur even in areas not previously thought to be at risk of flooding. Flooding is already occurring!

Residents, visitors, and travelers should pay close attention to NWS (National Weather Service) advisories related to possible flooding in and below the burn scar. The NWS has created a website to specifically advise those who may be concerned about flooding in, and below the Spring Fire Burn Scar:

<http://www.weather.gov/pub/SpringFireDSS>

Be advised that as little as ½ inch of rain in an hour, or a third of an inch of rain in 15 to 20 minutes is sufficient to cause flooding in the burn scar. [Turn Around Don't Drown®](#)

You may or may not receive alerts or warnings, so always maintain situational awareness and be ready to act on your own. Move to higher ground immediately at the first sign of flooding. Avoid (or leave) any areas where a Flash Flood Watch has been issued.

Flash Flood Watch: A Flash Flood Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for flash flooding. It does not mean that flash flooding will occur, but it is possible.

Small Stream Flood Advisory: Conditions are present which can cause small stream flooding in the advisory areas.

Flash Flood Warning: A Flash Flood Warning is issued when flash flooding is imminent or occurring. Move to higher ground immediately.

Code Red Flood Alert: The Sheriff's Office has received confirmed reports of flooding in your area. Move to higher ground immediately.

Huerfano County OEM strongly advises everyone who may be impacted by flooding from the Spring Fire Burn Scar to sign up for Code Red alerts. Click on the image below to sign up, or call Huerfano Emergency Dispatch at: (719) 738-1044.



More information on fire recovery, road closures, mitigation, & other information is available at: fire.huerfano.us
Flood Specific Information Can Be Found at: fire.huerfano.us/#_flo

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http://www.huerfano.us/Emergency_Management.php