



City of Bozeman Flooding Preparedness Information

The City of Bozeman reminds residents the potential for spring flooding is present and could occur at any time. The current and predicted weather, combined with the mountain snow pack, has set up the City of Bozeman to be susceptible to flooding in the immediate future. Properties that are susceptible to flooding (areas where flooding has occurred in the past or looks like it could occur) should be preparing **now**. Once flooding occurs it is usually too late to adequately protect property. The attached map shows streams, ditches, and swales that have caused flooding in the past. If you live near one of these areas, you are likely in the path of potential flooding.

Current Situation and General Safety Information

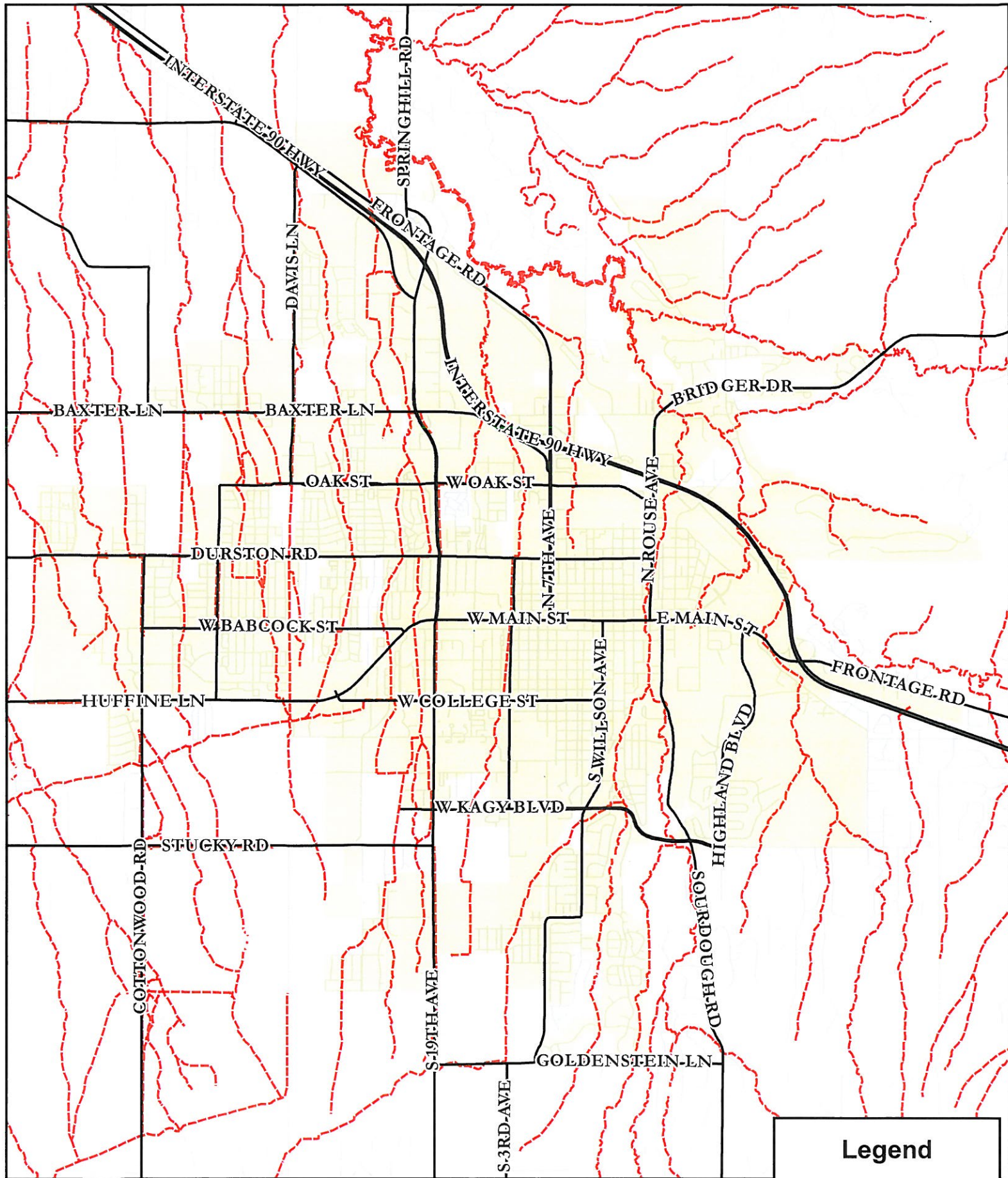
- Water levels in Bozeman (Sourdough) Creek, Rocky Creek, Bridger Creek and the East Gallatin River are all high and are expected to increase over the next several weeks.
- Large streams are not expected to peak until mid-June.
- Beware of rapidly rising and fast moving water in all irrigation ditches, swales, creeks, streams, and rivers. Some historical areas of concern are shown on the attached map or go to www.bozeman.net for a larger version.
- Groundwater will rise rapidly with rains and runoff. Inspect crawl spaces and basements often. Ensure sump pumps are in good working condition.
- Citizens are responsible to protect their own property. Sand Bags are available for purchase at several local hardware stores. Please see below.
- Keep children and pets away from all moving water sources. This is especially important in and around parks and playgrounds. If you see children around moving water, call 911 immediately!
- Most homeowners insurance does not cover flooding. Flood insurance can be purchased but must be purchased 30 days prior to flooding.
- **If you observe hazardous conditions developing, call 911.**

If citizens find themselves in flooded areas, they are encouraged to follow these safety practices:

- **Do Not Walk Through Flowing Water**
- **Do Not Drive Through a Flooded Area**
- **Look Before You Step – Hazards Can Be Hidden Below Water**
- **Stay Away From Power Lines and Electrical Wires**
- **If You Have to Evacuate, Turn Off Your Electricity and Be Alert for Gas Leaks When You Return**
- **Do Not Enter Flooded Basements Until Electricity Is Off**
- **Clean Everything That Gets Wet**
- **Take Good Care of Yourself**

Sandbags - Stores that have indicated having sandbags in stock include: Owenhouse Ace Hardware, Bozeman Brick and Tile (Kenyon Noble), Belgrade True Value, Lowe's, and Big Sky True Value. Straw bales wrapped in plastic can also be an effective tool in controlling flood waters. Information on using sandbags is available at www.readygallatin.com/factsheets/FillingSandbags.pdf

More flood related information can be found at www.bozeman.net or www.readygallatin.com



Streams & Ditches

Legend

Roads

Stream or Ditch

City Limits

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