



LINCOLN COUNTY MONTANA

PRESS RELEASE

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Flooding Disaster Update for Lincoln County

Lincoln County Emergency Management is providing an updated briefing on local flooding impacts and ongoing response efforts. This remains a coordinated operation involving multiple local, state, and federal agencies working together to protect public safety, assess damage, and guide recovery efforts.

Emergency Operations continue to prioritize situational awareness and response coordination today. Bridge inspectors will be on the ground and assessing infrastructure conditions. At least five bridges have been damaged or destroyed, and the 5th Street Bridge remains a top priority but is still closed due to safety concerns.

A detailed **incident map with roadway and bridge information** is available here:

<https://caltopo.com/m/2QBJPM5>

Water System and Safety Updates

City of Libby Boil Order

The boil water order for the City of Libby remains in effect. Residents should boil water for at least one minute before using it for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, or dishwashing.

Flower Creek Reservoir

The Flower Creek Reservoir remains intact and fully operational.



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Sheltering Resources

The **American Red Cross** has established a shelter at:

Libby Assembly of God
105 Collins Avenue, Libby, MT

Pets are welcome outside of the facility under the owner's control.

Please note the American Red Cross is NOT accepting in-person donations at the shelter. If you wish to support their operations, contact the agency directly through their official channels.

For large animals and livestock, arrangements have been made at J. Neils Park.

Please coordinate with:

Dallas Bowe – 406-291-2341

Public Safety Reminders

Residents are reminded to use extreme caution around floodwaters and saturated areas:

- Avoid traveling on water-saturated or flooded roads. Even shallow water can hide structural damage or cause loss of vehicle control.
- Do not go around road closure signs.
- Stay away from riverbanks, creeks, and ditches where erosion and rapid changes can occur.
- Give responders space to operate by keeping travel in affected areas to essential trips only.

Your cooperation helps keep both the public and responders safe.



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Community Information and Updates

Situational updates will continue to be posted on the Lincoln County Health Department's Facebook page throughout the day.

The Emergency Operations Center is operating a public information call line at:

406-293-6295

Community support during this incident has been greatly appreciated. Lincoln County thanks all residents, volunteers, partner agencies, and first responders for their continued assistance and resilience.

Additional Resources

Residents can stay informed using the following official sources:

- **USGS (River Levels and Stream Gauges):** <https://waterdata.usgs.gov>
- **National Weather Service (Weather Alerts and Forecasts):** <https://www.weather.gov>
- **Montana Department of Transportation (Road Conditions & Closures):**
<https://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo>
- **American Red Cross:** <https://www.redcross.org/>