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Subject: Floodplain Permitting regarding emergencies and emergency work

Hello Everyone,

I want to let everyone know that any action taken to divert water **within a regulatory floodplain*** as an emergency out of concerns for flooding will require an Emergency Permit prior to action, and also be permitted with an After-the-Fact Floodplain Permit once the emergency has passed.

- Placement of anything to divert water (sandbags, soil, rocks, logs... anything) will require permitting.
- Diversion of water within a regulatory floodplain will result in that water taking a different path, and could open you up to liability.
- Any sandbags (or any material) placed to divert water will need to be removed once the threat passes.
- You can protect structures with an emergency Permit, but cannot divert water to protect land.
- Homeowners should contact the Floodplain Manager for authorization prior to taking emergency actions. Authorization can be given out over the phone, in person, by E-Mail, or any acceptable method of informing the Floodplain Manager prior to action.

***Regulatory Floodplains in Ravalli County include:**

- East Fork of the Bitterroot River (Below around Springer Memorial)
- West Fork of the Bitterroot River (Below Painted Rocks Dam)
- Main Stem of the Bitterroot River
- Threemile Creek
- Eightmile Creek

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