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Yerington, NV – Lyon County Manager Jeff Page announced that the National Weather Service in Reno, NV. Is predicting an increase flow for both the Walker and Carson Rivers next week.

The Carson River is expected to peak to around 5000 plus cubic feet per second on May 25, 2017 and the Walker River is expected to peak to around 3500 CFS, with a lower than average confidence in peak flow, on the same date.

The Carson River ran around 5000 CFS on May 8, 2017 at the Fort Churchill Gauge. The Walker River peaked at almost 2100 CFS on May 16th, 2017 at the gauge near Mason.

Page is suggesting that citizens and businesses near the Walker River take the following preparedness activities:

- Secure propane tanks and anything that could float away
- Develop a plan and be prepared to evacuate. Ensure that you pack medications, pet food and supplies, important documents
- Develop a Communications Plan with family and friends in the event you are separated.
- Ensure vehicles are fueled
- Register for the Code Red Telephone Notification System
<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/7589ADE0401F>
- Monitor the National Weather Service in Reno <http://www.weather.gov/rev/>

Lyon County and the City of Yerington has self-fill sandbag stations at the following locations:

- Fire Station 40 In Smith Valley – 1 Hardie Ln, Smith Valley.
- Wellington Rodeo Arena – 2715 Hwy 208
- Mason Town Hall – 55 Bridge St, Mason.
- L.C. Road Yard – 18 Hwy 95A North (North side of office).
- L.C. Fair Grounds – 100 Hwy 95A East.
- City of Yerington Public Works Yard – Trowbridge Lane
- People physically incapable of self-filling sandbags can register to have filled sandbags delivered to them by going to: www.coypw.com/sandbag/

All response and support agencies are preparing for potential flooding. County Manager Jeff Page says it been impressive to watch people coming together to help each other and applauded the efforts of the YHS students and Rotary Interact youth for their assistance.

For up-to-date status information on the Walker River System go to <https://nevada.usgs.gov/walkerbasinhydromapper/webapp/home.html>