

### **NEVADA OPERATIONS CENTER (NVOC) SITREP**

NEVADA REGION MAP



**INCIDENT NAME:** Spring Thaw 2023

**LOCATION:** Nevada (Region 2)

TIME OF INCIDENT: 12:00 AM on 8MAR23

**INCIDENT DESCRIPTION:** The Nevada Operations Center (NVOC) is partially activated per the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) Spring Thaw Plan. The purpose of this activation is to increase our efforts for monitoring, preparedness, and supporting any jurisdictions in responding

to flooding impacts.

**SITREP #: 12** 

**SOURCE:** Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Walker River Irrigation District (WRID), NV Energy, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), Lyon County Office of Emergency Management, and National Weather Service (NWS) Reno

### **CONDITIONS**

**CURRENT SITUATION** (as of 12:00 PM on 10JUL23): Per the National Weather Service Reno, temperatures continue to be seasonably warm with hot and dry conditions anticipated to arrive toward the end of the week and to remain in place through the weekend. Fuels continue to dry and rivers and streams are generally improving. Rivers and streams in the Eastern Sierra including the Walker River system continue to run at elevated levels but peak flows have decreased. All flood gauges are below flood stage currently.

RESERVOIR CAPACITY LEVELS		
Bridgeport	62%	
Topaz	70%	
Weber	56%	

Spring Thaw 2023 Declarations		
Churchill County 3/6	Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe 4/7	
Lincoln County 4/12	Lander County 4/27	
Humboldt County 5/1	Lyon County 5/18	
State Declaration 5/29	Yerington Pauite Tribe 5/25	
Walker River Paiute Tribe 5/30		









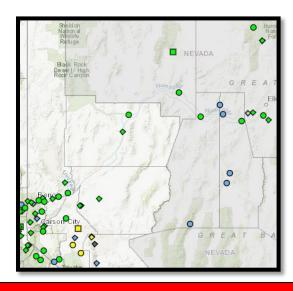














#### SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS

- 1. **Mason Road is SR 827:** the Mason Bridge and roadway are state property and remain closed with HESCO Barriers across them to redirect water from the Walker River away from town. There is damage to the roadway that NDOT will repair after the water subsides. This will be a financial impact to the state.
- 2. **Miller Lane** is still closed with water over the roadway and is expected to a be total loss due to water damage by the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area (MVWMA). WRID reports there is still a little bit of water running over the top of the roadway, but it is down significantly.
- 3. **Lux Lane** Water is receding on Lux Ln. south. They hope to get materials and equipment out there to regain access to homes and get fish out to lakes. \*\*We received an estimate to fix a small area of state road to MVWMA, \$758,000 and is attached as PDF 1517 001.
- 4. **MVWMA:** NDOW still has 3 families that are displaced. Any emergency protective measures will be the responsibility of the state.
- 5. **NV Energy Churchill Station** is confident that the usage of a high clearance vehicle from the NETC will allow them to access the pump house if they need to get out there.
- 6. **Rail Road:** There is increased Subbing in this area and there is concern of impacts to the railroad tracks out of Hawthorne Army Depot.
  - No new reports as of 7/10/2023
- 7. **Weber Reservoir:** BIA reports water level is below the emergency spillway and the overall capacity is down from last week to 56% from 58%. Continuing to monitor and completing construction on diversion trenches to the emergency spillway.



ACTIONS and NEEDS		
Jurisdictions		
Region	Location	
Region 2 – Western Nevada	<ul> <li>Lyon County –</li> <li>Erosion on Lux Lane culvert, working with partners to</li> </ul>	
	ensure access to power plant	
	Erosion on Lux Lane culvert, working with partners to	
	<ul> <li>emergency spillway</li> <li>8' x 8' erosion trench completed, 4' x 4' erosion trench</li> </ul>	
	being constructed at spillway	
	Weber Reservoir and roads leading to it are closed	
	WRID –	
	• Topaz at 41,940 AF - 70% capacity	
	Bridgeport at 26,270 AF - 62% capacity	
	Continue to store water at reservoirs  Alilly patch inflavorable patch and flavorable patch.	
	Will match inflow/outflow when flows increase again     Plan to keep static at maintain of Walker at 2200 2400.	
	<ul> <li>Plan to keep static at mainstem of Walker at 2200-2400</li> <li>CFS at Snyder gauge</li> </ul>	
	NV Energy –	
	Water on access road to cooling pumps that supply Fort	
	Churchill Generating Station is receding	



# Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security

## Prevent • Protect • Mitigate • Respond • Recover

	<ul> <li>Feel confident high clearance vehicle on site can manage getting crews out to the pump house if needed</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Waiting for water to recede more to get to pumphouse 2</li> </ul>
	and make repairs
	NDOW –
	<ul> <li>All routes in and out of Mason Valley Wildlife Area and</li> </ul>
	Hatchery are affected by flooding; families and
	employees evacuated from the area
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	<ul> <li>North Pond receding slightly</li> </ul>
	Will be airlifting fish feed to hatchery and will need to get
	fish off station and into settling ponds
	Three families still displaced
	<ul> <li>Construction and material placement to be laid out</li> </ul>
	tomorrow at Lux Lane to get families back in homes and
	to get fish off station
Walker River Paiute Tribe –	
	<ul> <li>Erosion South of Schurz caused one homeowner</li> </ul>
	evacuation
	In contact with NV Energy for power pole located near
	high river banks
	Monitoring high river banks
	Tribal council to meet this week to discuss Weber dam
	reopening

State Response	
ESF 1 Transportation	• NSTR
ESF 6 Mass Care	• NSTR
ESF 12 Energy	• NSTR
ESF 15 External Affairs	Monitoring
Tribal Liaison	<ul> <li>Monitoring and available for support</li> </ul>
AFN Liaison	Available to coordinate and support operations
FEMA Liaison	Reporting information to Region IX
USACE Liaison	Supporting virtually
PDA Team	\$1.9 million in damages on PDA tool

AVAILABLE RESOURCES (see below)		
Division of Emergency Management		
Resource	Number	
Sandbags	5,000	
HESCO Barriers	20 pallets in Carson City, 26 in Eureka	
Sandbag Fillers	0 (possible to move this resource from another region if	
	needed)	
Express Sandbaggers	5	





### **COSTS**

### **Division of Emergency Management**

Total \$27,656.31

DEM reminds all jurisdictions and partners to maintain their 214 activity logs for tracking personnel costs, and any costs for repairs and emergency protective measures to the flood event.

Please use Survey123 for documenting Public Assistance Damage categories (if you need access or assistance, please reach out to <a href="mailto:disaster-recovery@dem.nv.gov">disaster-recovery@dem.nv.gov</a>). All these costs will let us know if we are going to reach the threshold to declare a federal disaster for the Spring Thaw 2023 event.







### **COMMENTS AND FOLLOW-UPS**

LINKS: https://dem.nv.gov/Resources/Flood Information
NEXT OPERATIONS CENTER BRIEF: 13 JUL 23 at 11:00 AM

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