



**NEVADA OPERATIONS CENTER (NVOC) SITREP**

**INCIDENT NAME:** Spring Thaw 2023

**LOCATION:** Nevada (Region 2 and 3)

**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 and preparedness.

NEVADA REGION MAP



**SITREP #:** 6

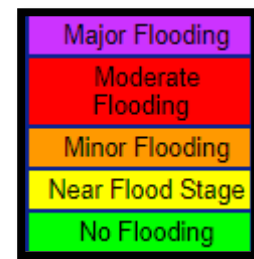
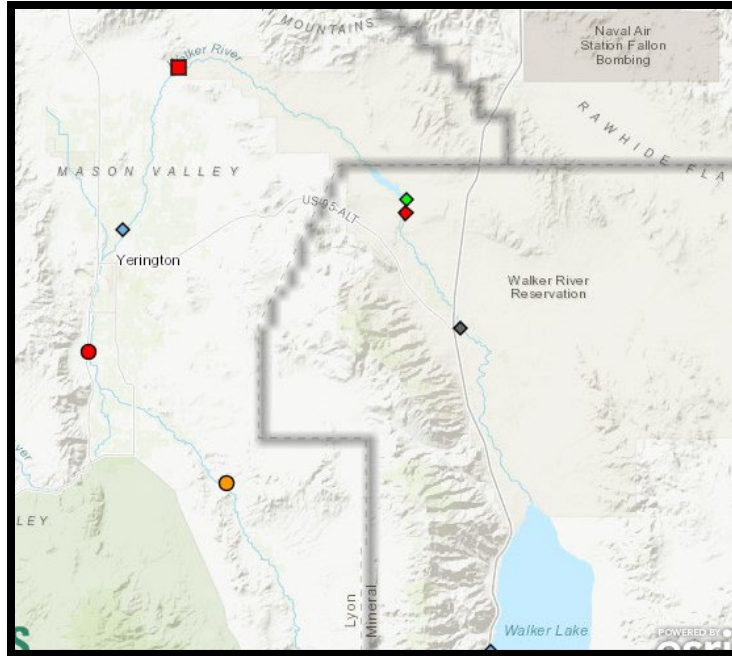
**SOURCE:** Nevada Division of Emergency Management (DEM), Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Walker River Irrigation District, NV Energy, Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW), Lyon County Office of Emergency Management, and National Weather Service (NWS) Elko and Reno.

**CONDITIONS**

**CURRENT SITUATION** (as of 1200 PM on 015JUN23): Per the NWS Reno, the wet weather pattern has subsided and dry, warmer weather is projected through the weekend although it will be short lived as a windy cold front is anticipated for Sunday and into Monday and below average temperatures next week. Portions of the Walker River continue to see minor to moderate flooding conditions. Minor flooding continues along the Humboldt River near Imlay, at Comus and at Battle Mountain. The Walker River near Wabuska continues to be at moderate flood stage at 12.3 feet, about one foot under major flood stage. The Walker River near Mason – Snyder Lane is at 11.3, just under major flooding stage. The Walker River near Schurz is at moderate flood stage at 18.98 feet, just under major flooding stage.

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	Walker River Paiute Tribe 5/30





ACTIONS and NEEDS	
Jurisdictions	
Region	Location
Region 2 – Western Nevada	<p><b>Lyon County –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pipe blew under road in Smith Valley</li> <li>• Miller Lane closed</li> <li>• Mason Road Bridge closed</li> <li>• Sierra Way erosion remains the same, working on plans with NV Energy for access to and from Fort Churchill Generating Station</li> <li>• Willow Pond Road has 2’ water over road and impassable</li> </ul> <p><b>Storey County –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 Mile canyon road now open</li> </ul> <p><b>NV Energy –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access road to cooling pumps that supply Fort Churchill Generating Station is underwater and impassable with current vehicles; concerns of failure and no access to repair the pump causing the station to be taken off-line</li> <li>• Looking for vehicles that would allow access to the pumphouse, borrowing Humvee from Lyon County</li> </ul> <p><b>NDOW –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All routes in/out of Mason Valley Wildlife Area and Hatchery are submerged and compromised. Families and employees evacuated from the area</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hawthorne Army Depot visiting North Pond for evaluation</li> <li>• Lux Lane still unable to use, lost only route remaining over weekend (Ivy Lane)</li> <li>• Received quotes for road repair issues on Lux Lane-in holding pattern</li> <li>• North Pond is full and water over spillway and railroad tracks</li> <li>• Contacting BLM for access to gravel pits to build up road</li> </ul> <p><b>Walker River Paiute Tribe –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some farmlands beginning to flood</li> <li>• Continued sandbagging for 89 additional homes</li> <li>• USGS fixed gauges and water is staying within the river</li> <li>• Tribe working with Social Services for alternative housing for some families</li> <li>• Tribe obtained funding for the purchase of 50 generators for homes</li> <li>• BIA attended community meeting with the tribe and discussed the Weber Dam and Walker River Indian Irrigation project</li> <li>• Weber Dam is at response level 1 and there is 24/7 monitoring of spillway for safety</li> </ul>
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State Response	
<b>ESF 1 Transportation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring minor mudslides and rockslides</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 4 Firefighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 6 Mass Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Cross shelter trailer stationed at Fernley</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 8 Public Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 10 Hazardous Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 11 Agriculture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 12 Energy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 13 Public Safety and Security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 15 External Affairs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addressing media inquiries</li> </ul>
<b>ESF 16 Military Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitoring, staying prepared</li> </ul>
<b>Tribal Liaison</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended Walker River Tribe community meeting</li> <li>• Requested TTX</li> </ul>
<b>AFN Liaison</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>FEMA Liaison</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSTR</li> </ul>
<b>USACE Liaison</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will provide technical assistance to NDOW for remediation suggestions for well houses</li> </ul>
<b>PDA Team</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PDA tool available</li> </ul>



**AVAILABLE RESOURCES** (see below)

**Division of Emergency Management**

Resource	Number
Sandbags	5,000
HESCO Barriers	20 pallets in Carson City, 26 in Eureka, 24 in Lyon
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 [disaster-recovery@dem.nv.gov](mailto:disaster-recovery@dem.nv.gov)). 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](https://dem.nv.gov/Resources/Flood_Information)  
**NEXT OPERATIONS CENTER BRIEF:** 22JUN23 at 11:00 AM  
**DEM DUTY OFFICER:** John Fansler (775) 687-0498