

July 27, 2010

**Talking Points for Flooding and Flash Flood
(Hada' Diinonii)
(Hash Tehdohneh)
7/28-8/6/10**

The Monsoon Season is here, usually from late June into July and August we experience sudden and frequent rain fall that often leads to flash floods.

Listen to your local radio station for information on flooding.

Be aware and alert to weather conditions.

BE PREPARED!!!!

Here are somethings to keep in mind:

- **Chapters need to develop a community emergency and flood plan, or revise last years plan to respond to this years event. Always have a plan B.**
- **Each family needs an emergency plan, a flood plan, where flood issues arise. Not all communities receive weather events.**
- **Identify a relative, friend, community member to confirm your location and safety.**
- **Keep a listing of emergency numbers, including a tow truck service.**
- **Community members need to assist neighbors during emergency situations.**
- **Chapters can also assist other chapters that need resources such as volunteers or equipment for short term or long term.**
- **Keep in mind that help doesn't always arrive till several hours or even a day...so be prepared.**
- **Know the dangers of floods and flash floods.**
- **Do not cross a road or bridge that is flooded.**
- **If there is a thunderstorm nearby, you can expect flash flooding in the canyons, ditches, arroyos or dry canals.**
- **Children and adults should avoid flood prone areas.**
- **Flash floods carry large debris such as rocks, appliances, sewer water and other contaminants.**
- **Avoid flooded areas. There may be sink holes, glass or electrical lines from downed power lines and other hidden dangers.**

- **Remember your animals. Most livestock can fend for themselves if they are not corralled.**
- **When you see the weather changing, round up the livestock, sheep, cattle, horses and move them to a safe area.**
- **Stock up on livestock feed.**

If flooding does occur in your community:

- **Have sandbags ready.**
- **Check with your local chapter in times of emergencies. The local chapter administration may be forming an emergency response. They may be setting up a shelter, getting food and water ready.**
- **Work closely with your local chapter. You may be able to assist as a volunteer.**
- **You may need to move to higher ground.**
- **Shut off utilities if you are asked to evacuate from your home.**
- **Be prepared to be away from your home for a short time. Have extra clothes and necessary medication available.**
- **Have snacks, water, and non-perishable foods in a safe place.**
- **Stock up on non-perishable foods, water, and necessary medication.**
- **Secure important documents in waterproof bags.**
- **If you have a Cell Phone, make sure the battery is charged and have extra batteries available.**
- **Plan ahead for family members that need special assistance such as dialysis or frequent visits to the hospital. They may need temporary shelter, a safe place during an emergency.**
- **Watch out for neighbors that may not have transportation and need special assistance.**

DAMS:

There are no emergency responses being initiated for any dam within the Navajo Nation Safety of Dams inventory. All dams are being continuously monitored by both the Navajo Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Safety of Dams Programs. With respect to Asaayi Dam, water is being released and will flow down Todilhil Wash near Navajo, New Mexico, and continue on through Fort Defiance and St. Michaels.

Red Lake Dam near Navajo New Mexico, is not affected by the water release from Asaayi Dam.

The Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management phone number is (928) 871-6892.

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