



Post-Fire BAER Assessment Burned Area Emergency Response (BAER) Information Brief

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FOR YOUR SAFETY – POTENTIAL FLOOD HAZARDS

It is important that residents and visitors take steps to protect themselves and their property from potential flooding and debris flows.

Residents need to monitor local weather reports and public safety bulletins, local road closures, emergency notifications, weather alerts, follow local county and city advisories, and act accordingly.

Use a “weather radio” or smart phone “weather app” that monitors “all hazards” alerts issued by the NOAA-National Weather Service:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr>

Be proactive for predicted rainstorms by being prepared to evacuate if county or city emergency officials determine that flooding and debris flows are expected which could pose an increased threat to human life, safety, and property. Practice evacuations before real events occur.

Know and be alert to environmental signs of dangerous weather conditions and be prepared to take action that can save lives.

Understand that all drainages within and downstream of the burned area may produce flooding or debris flows.

If you find yourself in a flood situation, climb to safety (seek higher ground).

Even if the water appears shallow enough to cross, don't try it by vehicle or foot. Water hides dips in the road – worse yet, there may be no road left under the water as flooding can scour away the entire road surface and ground beneath the road.

SPECIAL NOTE

Everyone near and downstream from wildfire burned areas should remain alert and stay updated on weather conditions that may result in heavy rains over the burn scar. Flooding could occur quickly during heavy rain events.

Current weather and emergency notifications can be found at the National Weather Service (NWS), Spokane Office: <http://www.weather.gov/otx>

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