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Salt Lake City Monitors and Prepares for Potential Spring Flooding

Residents are advised to use caution near waterways and to report localized flooding

Above average snow pack and higher than average stream run-off projections have increased the potential for dangerous, swift stream flows and flooding in Salt Lake City and throughout the Valley, with contributing factors including:

- Snow pack levels above normal in the Wasatch Watershed areas, including City Creek, Red Butte, Emigration, Parleys, and Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons
- Higher than average flows projected for local streams
- Viable weather conditions determine the timing of the spring run-off and influence the potential for flooding

CAUTION: Due to high stream flows, caution near water needs to be taken. Avoid entering streams and keep children and pets away from streams.

“We anticipate high run-offs and stream flows, and though we don’t anticipate flooding, we are preparing for all possible contingencies to keep our community safe,” said Jeff Niermeyer, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities Director. “We will continue to monitor the situation and will keep the public and media informed should circumstances change.”

To prepare for a potential high run-off, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities is taking a variety of actions. Some of those actions include:

- Continuous monitoring of flows into and out of reservoirs
- Monitoring of snow pack and run-off
- Clearing and maintaining stream channels
- Stockpiling and preparing for deployment of sand bags.
- Evaluating other contingency actions

For flooding emergencies in Salt Lake City, contact Public Utilities 24-hour Dispatch at 801.483.6700 opt #1

Real-time stream flows are available at www.pweng.slco.org/flood/streamflow/index.cfm.

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