Check Groundwater, Report Flooding on New Interactive Map

Helena Valley residents who are worried about flooding can now check groundwater levels in parts of the valley using an interactive, online map developed by the Lewis and Clark County Water Quality Protection District (WQPD).

The map website also gives people a way to report flooding incidents, whether on their own property or elsewhere in the valley. And it contains links to other flood-related resources, including those of the U.S. Geological Survey and National Weather Service.

You can find a link to the map at www.LewisAndClarkHealth.org.

“We developed this map after hearing from so many people who were affected by the floods last year,” said Jennifer McBroom, supervisor of the WQPD. “People wanted a way to predict when flooding might happen so they’d have time to get prepared. Rising groundwater levels can be an indication that flooding could occur.”

The map shows groundwater levels at 15 locations between Silver Creek and Tenmile Creek, east of Interstate 15. WQPD staff got permission from private homeowners to measure the groundwater levels in their wells. WQPD will update measurements on the map weekly, or more often during actual flooding.

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