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MONO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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To: All Media Partners
From Amber Weller, Public Information Officer
Date: January 05, 2017
Re: Hazardous Weather with Potential Flooding

The Reno National Weather Service has high confidence in moderate flooding over the next few days, with the highest flooding risks predicted for Sunday, January 8, through Monday, January 9. A mixture of snow, rain, or freezing rain will occur on Saturday, warming rapidly with torrential rains Saturday night into early Monday. The intense series of atmospheric rivers will result in widespread flooding on creeks, burn areas, urban poor drainage, construction areas, and rivers. This includes the West Walker River, which indicates a very rapid rise on Sunday.

These predictions need to be taken seriously. Residents of Mono County who have experienced a history of localized flooding need to be attentive and prepare accordingly. Use the break in weather on Friday to clear snow away from drains and creeks, stock up on water, food, and other necessary provisions. Power failures should also be anticipated. Do not attempt to drive through moving water and stay off of frozen lakes and ponds.

If the weather comes in as predicted, travel should be limited to emergencies only. People already in Mono County should stay home if at all possible, and travelers coming into Mono County should postpone their travel until the weather has passed. Make sure to check the weather and road conditions before traveling, paying special attention to predicted periods of inclement weather, road closures and chain requirements.

Mono County Public Works will have emergency sandbags available at the following locations:

District 1
Crowley Lake Fire Department behind station
Toms Place Crowley Lake Dr. behind asphalt piles

District 3
Lee Vining Road Shop
June Lake Community Center

District 2
Benton Road Shop
Chalfant Fire Department

District 4
Bridgeport Road Shop

District 5
Walker Road Shop