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### **FLOOD WATCH ADVICE FROM SNOW SURVEY**

Rivers and streams are running extremely high, in many cases bankfull and swiftly approaching flood stage. Forecasted temperatures call for mid nineties in southern Utah and snowmelt will really get 'cookin' this weekend and all of next 2 weeks - maybe 3 weeks. The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Watch for the Sevier River, Beaver River, Coal Creek and the Virgin and their tributaries until further notice. Flood Warnings are likely for this weekend in many southern Utah areas. Flood watches will likely be issued for the Uintah Basin later this week or early weekend. Selected areas of the Wasatch Front could soon follow. So, we knew it was coming and it seems to be 'knocking at the door'! Thankfully, we have had several months to prepare and 'keep your fingers crossed' we think that preparation will significantly reduce the potential for widescale damages. Please be careful in your activities around water this next month. -- Randy Julander

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