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EWP WORK SHAPING UP FLOOD DAMAGE IN ST GEORGE

NRCS employees have joined hands with local sponsors and contractors to get nearly \$10 million in Emergency Watershed Protection work underway on the flood-ravaged stream corridors in and around St. George. A host of employees, led by Area Conservationist Vane Campbell and project coordinator Blake Walbeck, have worked at a fever pitch to get the work done before potential future flooding can occur. As you know, our NRCS Snow Survey team has reported record snow pack in the Southern Utah mountains, raising concern about potential Spring flooding.

In addition, NRCS employees from other states (Oklahoma and N.M.) and one Corps of Engineers employee have filled temporary duty assignments in St. George. Other states have been asked to assist and efforts are underway to clear the way for retired NRCS employees to come back for a temporary assignment in the latest round of EWP funding. NRCS State Conservationist Sylvia Gillen has expressed gratitude to all who have worked so hard in what will become the largest EWP project in the state's history.



The Utah NRCS Web site, www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov, has been updated with additional newspaper reports and photos of the flooding and the work underway. It also includes a PowerPoint show that was prepared to brief NRCS leadership in headquarters. Please visit that site for more information.

The attached photo shows one of five signs that have been placed at worksite locations frequented by local residents and visitors. The signs help explain the type of work being done, funding source, and warn them to keep out of the work zone.

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