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PRESS RELEASE

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The Plumas County Sheriff's Office and Office of Emergency Services is taking preparedness action for the recently issued Winter Storm Watch and Flood Watch issued by the National Weather Service across Plumas County. If needed, Plumas County is prepared to activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to support any crisis which may occur.

Due to the elevated amount of snowfall, Plumas County has received and the incoming storm system which is forecasted to bring rain, there is a possibility for localized flooding, flooding along some roadways, and heavy flows along local waterways. Due to the amount of snow, the rain will follow the path of least resistance and could create flooding in areas where you may not have seen or experienced flooding in the past.

Accumulated snow and possible rain could significantly increase the snow load weight and can strain the structure, increasing the chances of damage or collapse. You should consult a professional to remove snow from your roof before this event. If you chose to clear it yourself (which we do not recommend), please know your capabilities and exercise extreme caution.

Residents are asked to avoid flooded roads, remain clear of fast-moving creeks and rivers, and follow all emergency signage. When driving in the rain, always turn on your headlights.

Winter storms bring cold temperatures, power failures, loss of communication services, and icy roads. To keep yourself and your loved ones safe, you should prepare your home and your car beforehand. Ensure you have food, supplies, gas, etc.

To sign up for Plumas County emergency alerts, visit the [Plumas County Emergency Alert System](#) page.

Community Assistance:

Due to the increased snow, there are many community members who cannot and do not have the means to remove the snow to leave their residence and remove snow from roof tops. If you are able to provide any assistance to our community members in need, please call and notify the Plumas County Sheriff's Office Dispatch at 530-283-6300. We are looking for individuals to assist in all Plumas County communities.

Sand and Sandbags:

Plumas County is providing sand and sandbags; however, their accessibility may be limited and we are working to uncover all sand piles and provide additional sand. This sand and bags are for public self-service, you must bring a shovel. For more flood information, you can visit the [OES Flood Preparedness](#) page.

WHERE:

Quincy area: Feather River College baseball parking lot

Chester/Lake Almanor area: Chester Fire Station

Peninsula Fire Station

Eastern Plumas County: Portola City Public Works building (Main Street) Sandbags are limited, we are working to deliver more.

Indian Valley: Indian Valley Fire Station (located south of Greenville on Hwy 89)

Additional Resources:

- For emergencies, dial **911**
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [Flood Safety Checklist](#)

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