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Emergency Information and Flooding Updates

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10:16pm

Our Flash Flood Watch is going to be extended past 1:15am Wednesday, when it was due to expire. The National Weather Service has not yet determined for how long the Watch will be extended.

10:14pm

The Rio Grande is receding as we have this break in the weather. Those who live along the river still need to be ready to leave on a moment's notice.

9:10pm

School is cancelled for Wednesday in the Gadsden Independent School District. Teachers and Administrators are to report for work however.

8:02pm

Socorro Police are asking anyone who lives within 1/4 mile of the Rio Grande to voluntarily evacuate their homes. If you need help evacuating, call 858-6985.

From El Paso's Emergency Management Center.

The following shelters are open. You may need your own sleeping equipment and food and drink. - Convention Center - Bel Aire High School - Ranchford Middle School - Moorehead Middle School - Jefferson High School - Canutillo Elementary School - El Paso High School - Tigua Community Center - Ernesto Serna School in Socorro

I-10 traffic into El Paso is being diverted. I-10 East into El Paso is being diverted via loop 375 to railroad drive to US 54 to Alamogordo I-10 West into El Paso is being diverted at las cruces, the opposite direction through alamogordo to us 54 and then loop 375.

Sun Metro - Bus routes are limited to the 10 main arterial routes. - Westside - Routes 15 and 17 - Northeast side - Routes 32, 35, 43 - East side - Routes 50, 53 and 58 - Mission Valley - Route 61 - Lakeside - Route 66.

While attempting to respond to as many emergencies as possible, Rick Glancey, public affairs director with the El Paso County Sheriff's Department, said officials must prioritize how they handle the rash of emergency calls.

If a resident needs a medical assistance or an emergency response, please call 546-2280.

The department released the following information:

Priorities of Responding To Emergencies

- 1st: Medical emergencies
- 2nd: Victims of flooding
- 3rd: Any accidents

Road Closures

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- Doniphan from Artcraft to Vinton: Both east and westbound lanes closed
- North Desert: Closed
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Rushing Water

- North Desert
- Interstate 10 West from Redd Road to Transmountain Road. Use center lane for travel.
- Northwestern

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