



NEWS RELEASE

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Weather Service Notice – Hazardous Weather

The City of Sedona and Sedona Fire District are receiving updates daily regarding a series of storms that are affecting Northern Arizona, including the Oak Creek Canyon and Sedona area into Saturday, January 23, 2010.

The National Weather Service is continuing to advise of the potential for hazardous weather including snow and rain at higher elevations, a wind advisory and rainfall in the lower elevations through out the week that may cause localized flooding in Oak Creek and the Verde River basin:

As of 1/20/10 9:00 a.m. - Beginning early Thursday morning and lasting until midday on Friday. For Mogollon Rim, snow starting at 6500' and rising to 7500' during the day. 4-6 inches of liquid which will result in 2-4 feet of snowfall depending on temperatures. The western and central rim will receive the greatest effect. Elevations above 8000' could see 4 feet of snow plus. Strong winds will be seen at the tail end of this event, late Thursday/early Friday.

Oak Creek flooding potential - The creek will rise overnight with the potential to crest at 18 feet in Sedona by Friday morning which is comparable to the 2004 flood that did crest at 18 feet. The Police Department will be activating its notification and evacuation plans based on creek levels. As you travel further south into Cornville, Cottonwood and Camp Verde areas the potential for flooding increases.

For up to date weather information see www.weather.gov/flagstaff and current road conditions please call 1-888-411-7623 or see www.az511.com.

To be prepared in low lying areas, three locations are available that can be accessed at any time to obtain sand and sand bags which are provided free to the Public, please bring a shovel:

Uptown - empty lot on Forest Road west of Fire station #4
Sedona Red Rock High School north end of stadium parking lot
United Methodist Church parking lot on **SR 179** near Back O'Beyond Road

Updates will be posted to the City of Sedona website www.SedonaAz.gov and Sedona Fire District website www.Sedonafire.org for Oak Creek Canyon and surrounding communities. For additional information contact the City Manager's Office at (928) 204-7127 or Sedona Fire District at (928) 282-6800.