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Re: Withlacoochee River Levels

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Hernando County Sheriff's Office Emergency Operations Center officials have been monitoring the Withlacoochee River's steady rise over the past few weeks. Because of recent heavy rainfall, the Withlacoochee River at Trilby has now exceeded the action stage of 10.0 feet. This section of the river has potential flood impacts to Talisman Estates, Riverdale, River Height Estates, Nobleton and Ladoochee in Pasco County.

The National Weather Service forecast is showing a gradual decrease in river levels over the next few days and little rain is expected. As we move into the rainy season, however, we encourage residents who live in low lying areas to monitor the river levels closely and to consider making preparations to protect their property. If needed, sand and sandbags are available to residents at the Community Center in Ridge Manor located at 34240 Cortez Blvd which is just West of US 301.

If you are in need of information about flooding or protective measures, contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Emergency Management Office at (352) 754-4083, email eoc@hernandosheriff.org.

Additional information is available in the Hernando County Flood Handbook on our webpage at: <http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em/publications/PDF/FloodHandbook.pdf>