

# Hernando County EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER Alert Form



EVENT	Withlacoochee River Alert			
DATE	13 September 2016			
TIME	12:00 PM			
REPORT #	1			

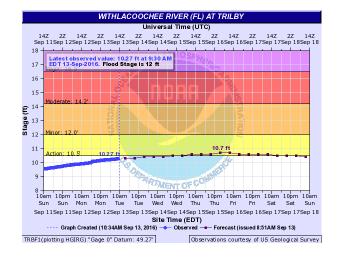
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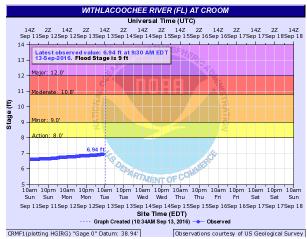
#### A MESSAGE FOR RESIDENTS LIVING ALONG THE WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER:

With the heavy rains of the last few weeks, the Withlacoochee River has been steadily rising. The Withlacoochee River at Trilby is approaching **action stage**. Forecasted rainfall over the next few days may have an impact on the potential for flooding. Although there is uncertainty as to how much the river will rise, residents along the river are urged to stay informed, review emergency plans, and be prepared to take action to protect personal property.

As of Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., the Withlacoochee River at **Trilby** is 10.27 feet; action stage is 10.5 feet. **The river is forecasted to reach 10.7 feet overnight on Thursday into Friday morning.** 

As of Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., the Withlacoochee River at **Croom** is currently at 6.94 feet; action stage is 8 feet.





### **ACTION STAGE**

The stage which, when reached by a rising stream, represents the level where the National Weather Service or a partner/user needs to take some type of mitigation action in preparation for possible significant hydrologic activity. Residents in and around the areas of Lacoochee, Talisman Estates, Riverdale, and River Height Estates are urged to prepare for possible action.

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## **MINOR FLOOD STAGE**

Minor flooding is defined to have minimal or no property damage, but possibly some public threat. This includes water over banks and in yards, moving personal property in low lying areas to higher locations, water overtopping roads but not very deep or fast flowing, and water in campgrounds or bike paths.

Minor flood stage at Trilby is 12 feet; Croom is 9 feet. Residents in and around the areas of Lacoochee, Talisman Estates, Riverdale, and River Height Estates will experience flooding when the river reaches these levels.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

- Residents are urged to actively monitor local news media or the National Weather Service for the latest weather update.
- Monitor for additional alerts from the Emergency Operations Center at http://www.hernandosheriff.org/em/Applications/EMPressReleases/Default.aspx
- Residents living in low lying, flood-prone areas should consider which protective actions
  may be necessary to protect life and property, and prepare to implement those actions
  if the river continues to rise.
- Be prepared to move to higher ground.

Contact the Emergency Operations Center at 352-754-4083 with questions during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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