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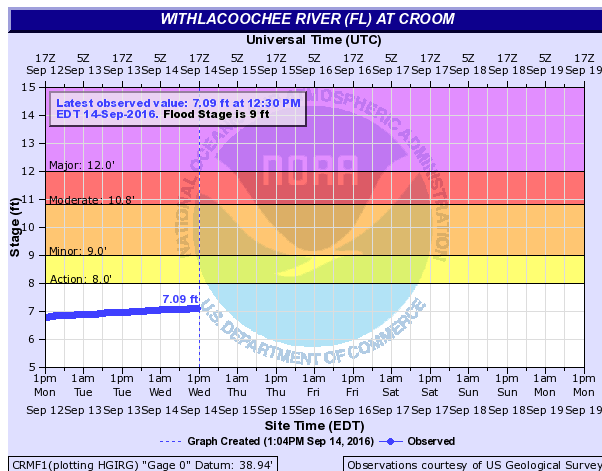
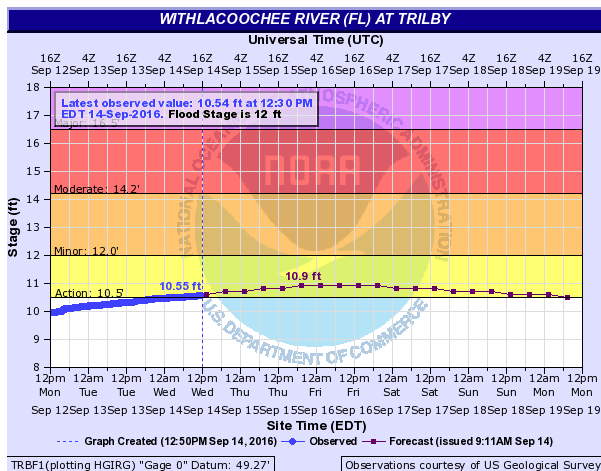
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| EVENT | Withlacoochee River Alert |
| DATE | 14 September 2016 |
| TIME | 1:00 PM |
| REPORT # | 2 |

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| | EOC LEVEL OF ACTIVATION |
| | 1/ FULL |
| | 2/ PARTIAL |
| X | 3/ MONITORING |

SANDBAGS AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS NEAR THE WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER

The Withlacoochee River at Trilby is now in **action stage** as a result of heavy rains received over the last few weeks. 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 Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 12:30 p.m., the Withlacoochee River at Trilby is 10.55 feet; action stage is 10.5 feet. The Withlacoochee River at Croom is 7.09 feet; action stage is 8 feet.



Residents who live in low lying areas are encouraged to monitor the river levels closely, and to consider making preparations to protect their property. If needed, sand and sandbags may be purchased at local home improvement stores. In addition, a limited supply will also be available to residents starting tomorrow, **Thursday, September 15, 2016**, at the Ridge Manor Community Center located at 34240 Cortez Blvd. Dade City, FL 33523. Sand and sandbags will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please bring your own shovel to use.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER (PIC) : (352) 754-4083 or (352) 754-4111 (Recorded)

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

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.**

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.
- Residents who need assistance should contact the Emergency Operations Center.

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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