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Van Duzen River at Bridgeville forecast to flood in the early morning

Significant rainfall from the storm that hit Northern California today will cause flooding tonight along the Van Duzen River at Bridgeville. If you are in the low-lying areas along the river you are advised that you should seek higher ground for the evening and take precautions to protect your life and property. Owners of livestock should take appropriate action to protect livestock from rising river levels.

The river was originally forecast to hit flood stage around mid-day tomorrow, but new projections from the National Weather Service released this afternoon show that the river will rise to 17.1 feet at 3 a.m., and will rise to 20 feet by 9 a.m. This will flood Highway 36, especially east of Carlotta and near Grizzly Creek State Park. Portions of River Bar Road and in the Starvation Flat area are likely to be impassable in the State Park water may reach near the office.

If you know anyone in this area, please check on them to make sure they have received this flood warning. If you are physically unable to leave on your own, ask a neighbor to help or call the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office at 707-445-7251.

For information on County road conditions and closures, call 707-445-7421 or visit humboldtgov.org/roads. For information on all State highways, call 1-800-GAS-ROAD (1-800-427-7623).

Visit the National Weather Service site to monitor local rivers at http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov. You can also bookmark the following links:

Van Duzen River at Bridgeville South Fork Eel River at Miranda Eel River at Scotia Eel River at Fernbridge