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Boil water notice issued for Manatee Utilities; Flooding reported in Levy County; Dixie County flood watch issued; Gilchrist County not flooded now *Do Not Attempt To Cross Flooded Roads*

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CHIEFLAND -- A boil water notice has been issued customers of Manatee Spring Utilities, of Chiefland, as of today (Friday, Aug 16).

Manatee Utilities serves the Chiefland Golf and Country Club.

Manatee Utilities is on a precautionary boil water notice until two consecutive days of satisfactory bacteriological tests are done.

A precautionary boil water notice is issued to protect consumers when it is possible that drinking water has been contaminated by microorganisms that can cause illness (i.e. germs or pathogens).

To learn more about a precautionary boil water notice, click [HERE](#) for the proper link to the Florida Department of Health.

People who have any question about the Manatee Utilities boil water notice are asked to please call Levy County Water in Bronson at 352-486-5376.

BRONSON -- A flood update from Levy County Emergency Management, issued at 9:34 a.m. today (Friday, Aug. 16) and updated at noon showed there are some roads that are flooded in the county.

Devil's Hammock and Henry Beck Park are closed until further notice due to flooding.

"We have received reports of flooded roadways in the Gulf Hammock area, areas around Henry Beck Park, and Yankeetown," Director John MacDonald noted. "Use extra caution when driving."

Levy County Road 326, west of CR 343 is under water now. Do not attempt to drive there. That is in the Gulf Hammock area.

The following roadways in LEVY COUNTY have been reported as flooded or nearly flooded, creating dangerous driving conditions.

Most roads in residential Otter Creek.

CR 336 off State Road 24

CR 336 and CR 345

CR 326 near CR 343

U.S. Alt. 27 1 mile from Marion County-North Lane

CR 326 5 miles west of CR 337

Northeast 20th Street near NE 152nd Court

CR 40 near Yankeetown

Please report flooded roadways to the Levy County Sheriff's Office at 352-486-5111 or Levy County Emergency Management at 352-486-5213.

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This graphic from the National Weather Service in Tallahassee shows rainfall forecasts for the region it covers, which includes Dixie County.

CROSS CITY -- The National Weather Service in Tallahassee issued an email to Emergency Management in Dixie, Taylor, and Lafayette counties.

"We have issued a flood watch for your counties valid through the day on Saturday," National Weather Service - Tallahassee noted. "An additional 5 to 8 inches of rain is possible across the area through this weekend. Some areas of far southern Taylor and southern Dixie counties saw an estimated 3 to 6 inches of rain on Thursday, and the ground is becoming more saturated.

"This additional rainfall may result in some flooding of roads and low-lying areas through this weekend," the NWS noted for Dixie County.

Dixie County Emergency Management Division Chief Scott Garner of Dixie County Emergency Services provided the graph and information from the National Weather Service.

BELL -- Gilchrist County Emergency Management Director Ralph Smith reported there were no immediate flooding issues that he knew of in Gilchrist County as of 11 a.m. on Friday.