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Pierre, Fort Pierre Activate Flood-Information Hotlines

PIERRE, S.D. – Mayors of Pierre and Fort Pierre say community information hotlines will provide the best information for anyone with questions or concerns about flooding in the Hughes and Stanley County area of the Missouri River.

Pierre Mayor Laurie Gill and Fort Pierre Mayor Sam Tidball say the numbers are intended to give residents of the Pierre and Fort Pierre area direct access to the officials best able to respond to questions.

The State Emergency Operations Center has been handling many of the area's flood-related calls since water flows began to increase on the river in late May. At this point, the volume of calls and the type of information being sought or provided are such that local officials are the most appropriate sources, the mayors say.

Each city has a flood-information contact number. In Pierre the number is 773-3066. In Fort Pierre the number is 223-7690. The hotline numbers are operational immediately.

The call center the Emergency Operations Center will continue to be staffed from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. each day. The EOC will continue to field general flood-related questions but Pierre and Fort Pierre hotline numbers will be the best sources of information for area residents.

Additional flood and disaster relief information is available at www.bReadySD.com and www.disasterrecover.sd.gov.