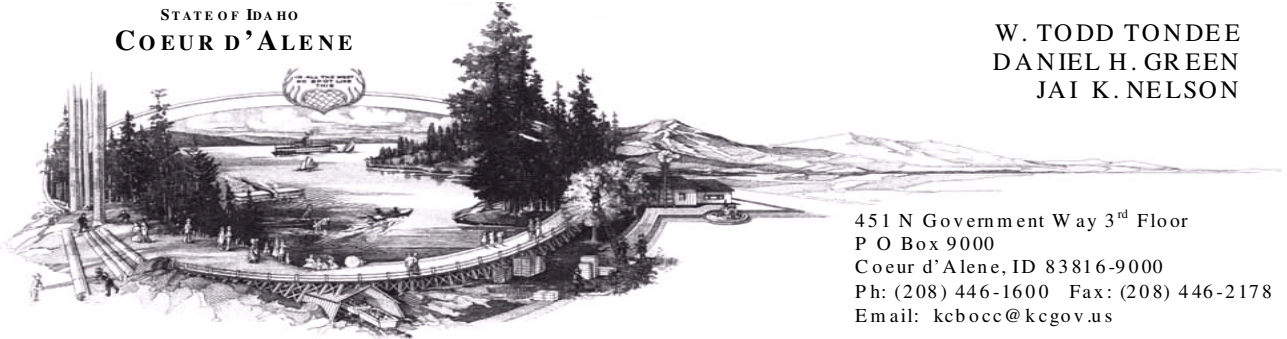


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High water throughout the county can be anticipated over the next several weeks due to the record amounts of higher elevation snowpack that has now begun to melt and run off with the advent of warmer weather. However, NO area of Kootenai County is currently facing imminent flooding at this time. In anticipation of possible future flood conditions, citizens who have reason to believe that they are vulnerable to flooding may want to take precautionary measures to protect their property from flood water.

Family and community participation is highly encouraged as well as providing assistance to senior citizens and disabled persons who may not have the capability to perform strenuous activities on their own. Preventive actions such as sandbagging and movement of equipment/possessions to higher ground or upper levels of buildings can often be better accomplished by utilizing a collaborative "neighbors helping neighbors" approach.

Residents and visitors are reminded to use courtesy regarding boat wakes with the high water. Sand and sandbags may be purchased at area concrete, construction, feed and home improvement stores.

Further information may be obtained on line at the following web sites:

<http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/em/HowToBag.htm>

http://wn.com/US_Army_Corps_of_Engineers_Sandbag_Techniques

<http://www.bhs.idaho.gov/Pages/Preparedness/Hazards/PDF/Idaho%20Flood%20Booklet.pdf>.

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