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Dakota Dunes Rising River Update 3

Change in Releases

The Corps of Engineers has increased releases again from Gavins Point Dam from 60,000 cfs to 80,000 cfs and again to 90,000 cfs and at midnight increased to 100,000 cfs in response to high inflows created by recent rains and the Spencer Dam failure yesterday upstream from Gavin's Pont. The 100,000 cfs lasted for 6 hours and was brought back down to 90,000 cfs at 6 am today. They believe the 90,000 cfs will be a 24 to 36 hour event after which they hope to be able to decrease levels. With this new information, we believe the Missouri River could reach elevations of 1091-1092 by midnight Friday, March 15th. We have taken precautions to shore up our lower areas, setting pumps and will be taking further action today to cover sanitary sewer inlets in low lying areas. However, at these elevations water could top some river banks especially in the Spyglass area and Pebble Beach by Hole 8 causing street flooding.

The Big Sioux River is expected to crest Monday with water surface elevation of 1092-1093. With the Big Sioux Levee at 1093, water could come in from the Big Sioux. In that case, it would fill the Greenway between the Prairie and East Pinehurst and could affect some low lying homes on East Pinehurst. As mentioned the Big Sioux is not expected to crest until Monday so stay tuned for potential changes.

Dakota Dunes Community Improvement District is asking residents and commercial customers to minimize water and sanitary sewer consumption during this event to help preserve water and sewer utility. Also, please help by plugging all lower level drain pipes and floor drains especially in the Spyglass, Pebble Beach and Deerfield areas. In the event of sewer inundations this may help keep sewers from backing up in the basement. In the limited time until the rivers peak, you may consider moving furniture or valuables to upper levels.

With these elevations being so close to the top of our protection, low lying property owners would be wise to prepare your property so you can evacuate on short notice.

Also, as with most flood events, conditions change rapidly. Additional measures may have to be taken to close off sanitary sewers in low lying areas to help preserve the system as a whole so please stay tuned for further updates.

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