

National Forest

FLASH FLOOD BULLETIN



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A FLASH FLOOD is a rapid rise of water in a low-lying area, usually created by an intense storm that produces heavy rainfall in a short amount of time.

Be alert for changing weather conditions while visiting the forest.



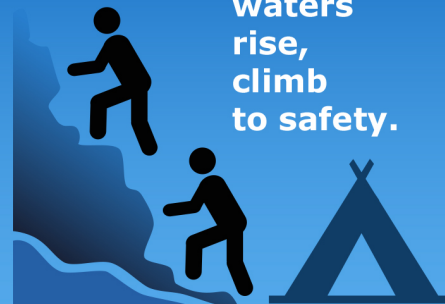
Always be weather ready.

Flash floods can occur suddenly, on any forest.

Only 24 inches of rushing water can carry away most any vehicle, including SUVs and pickups.



When flood waters rise, climb to safety.



10 ft



During an intense thunderstorm, a creek only 6 inches deep surrounded by rugged terrain can swell in less than an hour, and become a 10-foot-deep raging river.



The National Weather Service is our nation's exclusive and trusted source for weather forecasts and warnings.



Your safety is your responsibility.

Remember, city sirens don't exist out in nature.

This weather safety bulletin is from the USDA Forest Service and forest managers in your community.