



Impact-Based Flash Flood Warnings

Example Impacts



Base

- Runoff/deep ponding getting into properties
- Isolated road closures
- Stream/river overflowing banks but not causing significant threat to life and property
- Detected heavy rain may be causing flooding problems
- Detected high water levels at one or two streams/ivers may indicate flooding in other nearby, non-gaged drainages

Considerable

- Multiple closures of significant roads
- Evacuations due to rising water
- Rescues from homes and/or stranded vehicles
- Significant bridges/roads washed out
- Significant (not total) dam failure

Catastrophic

- Multiple swift-water rescues
- Homes destroyed by flooding
- Widespread life-threatening situations
- Total failure of a significant dam

In many cases, a warning will be issued as a Base level event, then will evolve into a Considerable or Catastrophic level event based on impacts and damage reports received.