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MONTEZUMA FLOOD

MONTEZUMA, COLORADO – High water levels on the Snake River and Peru Creek have caused one-half mile of serious damage on Montezuma Road near the Peru Creek Trailhead. There is a 45 ft. span of road completely washed out and it is 15 feet deep.

Summit County Road and Bridge Department currently has a team in Jackson County retrieving a temporary bridge. The Road and Bridge team onsite is also working on alternate solutions if the bridge cannot restore access.

Currently, the only access to and from the Town of Montezuma by Montezuma residents is by foot. The hike is about 30 minutes long.

Montezuma currently has power and limited Internet access. Xcel Energy is onsite and monitoring the situation.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 pm the Summit County Sheriff's Office ordered a voluntary evacuation of the Town of Montezuma. An estimated 10 - 12 people have evacuated from the town. Approximately 20 people have chosen to stay in Montezuma.

To learn more about the impacts of high water and what you can do to prepare for the spring runoff, download the High Water Preparedness Information brochure from the county website at: <http://www.co.summit.co.us/>.

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