

## **Will Marysvale Flood Because of the Silver King Fire?**

**Yes, Floods are Possible and Likely from Bullion, Beaver & Deer Creek**

**MARYSVALE TOWN says be prepared to EVACUATE!**

**Marysvale has a huge burn scar from the fire to our west. The Burned Area Emergency Response team and the Army Corp of Engineers have informed us that burn scars are likely to cause flooding and mud/debris flows. These flows include more than flood water – they are more like cement – filled with sediment, full grown trees and debris.**

**Six inches of mud flow can trap your car, sweep you away when walking, or float your vehicle downstream. Don't cross debris flows and flood water.**

**Monitor weather reports for Flood Warnings & Watches, especially when rain is forecast.**

**Flood Watches mean that a flood may occur within 4 hours or less. Get ready to possibly evacuate.**

**Flood Warning means evacuate to higher ground immediately. Preferably you should evacuate to Piute High School; if that is not possible Oscarson Elementary or any property above and away from all creeks will be safer.**

**If you hear a siren (different from fire), receive a Code Red announcement on your phone from the Sheriff, or see significant rainfall, evacuate while you still can. There may be less than 30 minutes for you to leave. Gather people, pets and a 72 hour pack and leave while you still can.**

**Marysvale will see 7 to 10 times the flood flows that we have seen historically. If you have already had flooding, you will see higher floods made of black debris. Highway 89 could overtop with 1-3 feet of debris. The highway at Beaver Creek may be impassible. You may see flooding in new areas. Prepare NOW.**

Contact the Sheriff's Office at 435 577 2893 NOW if you need assistance in evacuating. They will work to notify and help you if you get on their list. With so few 1st responders, everyone must work to keep themselves safe by being ready and evacuating early and quickly.

Not every flood warning or watch will result in a flood. But the debris in these burn scars will come down these creeks to Marysvale. Take heed and prepare before the flood. Recognize that this situation will continue for 3-5 years while the vegetation regrows.

- Don't let anyone sleep in a basement during storms. A debris flow can fill basements with water and mud in a minute, blocking doors and trapping people. Bring important documents above basement level when there is a storm threat. Don't let them get destroyed by a debris flow
- Power and municipal water may be interrupted by flooding. Prepare for that eventuality.
- Remain vigilant as multiple storm events occur. Attend the mid August community meeting to understand flood and evacuation procedures.

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Consider buying Flood Insurance for your home. Contact your insurance agent and ask about flood insurance. It is a SEPARATE policy from your homeowners policy. Your regular homeowners policy may NOT cover flooding. New flood insurance policies typically take 30 days to go into effect, although areas with recent wildfires may qualify insured homeowners immediately. Plan to maintain a flood insurance policy for at least 3-5 years as the watershed recovers after the wildfire.

For more flood-after-fire or flood insurance information, visit the Utah Flood Hazards website, [floodhazards.utah.gov](http://floodhazards.utah.gov) or [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov). Refer [BeReady.Utah.gov](http://BeReady.Utah.gov).

We expect to have a Community Meeting as we have more information. Also find more current information online at the Marysvale page, the Marysvale Fire Department, and [townofmarysvale.com](http://townofmarysvale.com).

### Marysvale Flood Map: Find your home and learn more about your risk:

