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Dear residents of Payson City:

On behalf of Payson City, I would like to thank all those who volunteered and helped with the clean-up of the Dry Creek Channel on March 18, 2023. It was inspiring to see the many helping hands that provided much needed cleanup of the channel.

Payson City crews have also been busy cleaning the Dry Creek Channel, the Peteetneet Creek and debris basins at the mouth of the canyon. We met with Utah County, Strawberry Water Users, Strawberry High Line Canal, Salem and Spanish Fork City to discuss the potential of high water and flooding. We rented additional track hoes to help remove debris and sediment in various locations.

Utah is now in the midst of record-breaking snow water. The SNOTEL site located in Payson Canyon shows the snow water equivalent at 253% of normal. We have provided additional information about the potential for flooding on the Payson City Website (paysonutah.org).

If your home is located in a floodplain as designated by FEMA, or if you feel the need, you may want to look at flood insurance if you do not already have it. Flood insurance requires 30 days from the purchase of the policy to be active in a flood event.

We are scheduling sandbag events on Monday, April 17, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the old ball field parking lot located at 712 South 800 West and would ask for volunteers to help fill sandbags. We will place the sandbags on pallets and have them moved to the most vulnerable areas of the city in preparation for potential flooding. If there are any areas that you consider vulnerable for flooding, please contact Debbie at 801-465-5217. She will coordinate with our emergency team to determine if sandbags or other precautions would be helpful in that area. We will provide more information on the website as to the need for public access to sandbags.

High water generally peaks during the middle of May to the middle of June, so we have time to continue to assess the problem areas. We continue to coordinate with Utah County, as much of the canyon is in the county.

This is a good time to check or add your information to the emergency notification system. This notification system is used for city and county wide emergencies. It is available for all members of the household who have an email or cell phone number. If you have a city utility account, that information has already been added into the system. You can create an account at alerts.utahcounty.gov.

Please keep track of your children and pets as we enter the highwater season. There are some great tips on flood preparedness at beready.utah.gov.

Again, we thank you for your assistance. We are better as a community when we all pitch in and help. Payson has a proud and storied history of volunteerism. We look forward to having you at our sandbagging events.

Mayor Bill Wright