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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER GOES TO 12 HOUR STAFFING

(MANHATTAN, KS – June 1, 2019) The current inflow into Tuttle Creek Lake is less than the present outflow of 30,000 cfs (Cubic Feet per Second).

Outflow at Tuttle Creek Dam increased to 30,000 cfs through the outlet works, commonly referred to as the tubes, on Friday. This increase was made in order to combat inflow into the lake. The lake level is currently 1135.63' (down from 1135.88' where the lake peaked late last night).

“While lowering lake levels are a positive thing, I want to remind our community in those flood prone areas that there is still need for preparedness. We have staff at our Emergency Operations Center who continue to monitor the situation,” Pat Collins, Riley County Emergency Management Director said.

With the elevation decrease, and to best reserve resources, the Flood Information Hotline and the Emergency Operations Center will now be staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily. Emergency services continue to monitor the situation closely to ensure updated, accurate information is released to the public in a timely manner.

An Evacuation Advisory remains in effect for areas of the Northview neighborhood including the Dix Edition, Berry Streets, Countryside Estates Mobile Home Park, and Rocky Ford Mobile Home Park. Police officers are patrolling the areas under the evacuation advisory to ensure safety.

The American Red Cross has a shelter location at Westview Church, 615 Gillespe Drive, for anyone in the potential flood area. This is a pet-friendly shelter, for pet owners also staying at the shelter.

The US Army Corps of Engineers said Tuttle Cove and Stockdale Park will remain closed for the duration of the 2019 season due to ongoing flooding and extensive damage. Visitors who made campsite reservations will be provided a full refund via the reservation service.

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