

Paperwork ahead for flood victims

(KLZA)-- Richardson County Emergency Management Agency Director Brian Kirkendall presented an update on flooding along the Missouri River in the Rulo, and Lewis & Clark Estates area Tuesday.

The Missouri River reached a record level of 28.1-feet last week, more than 11 feet above flood stage at Rulo.

Richardson County takes part in the National Flood Plain program. Kirkendall explained that allows Richardson County to qualify for grants for those that are insured. It also requires the Flood Plain Administrators Office, which is the Richardson County Emergency Management office to inspect every property that was flooded before owners are allowed back in to clean up or make repairs.

Kirkendall said he expects a number of properties will be declared a total loss.

If the cost to repair the structure is more than 50-percent of the pre-flood valuation, the structure cannot be repaired unless it is flood-proofed, or raised at least a foot above the highest level the flood has reached.

Materials, labor and donated labor all count against the estimated of damage.

Notifications will be posted at all sites that were flooded.

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