

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**FLOOD WARNING UPDATE – TRINITY RIVER NEAR GOODRICH**

The Flood Warning issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) continues for the Trinity River near Goodrich until further notice or until the warning is canceled. At 8:45 a.m. today the river gage read 40.7 feet. Flood stage is 36 feet. Moderate flooding is occurring and major flooding is forecast. The NWS forecast the river will continue rising to near 41 feet by Monday evening. Additional rises may be possible thereafter. The Trinity River Authority has decreased the Lake Livingston Dam release from 86,900 cfs to 82,500 cfs. According to the National Weather Service, a surge of moisture is likely to begin moving up into the state Tuesday/Wednesday, and remain over at least the South and South East portions of the state through Friday.

On Friday, October 19, 2018 County Judge Sydney Murphy declared a Local State of Disaster for Polk County, Texas. The Declaration of Disaster was put in place as a precautionary measure in the event that emergency operations and/or assistance is needed due to current and forecasted conditions for areas below the Lake Livingston Dam affected by rising Trinity River flood levels.

The Polk County Office of Emergency Management is operating at increased readiness and will continue updating the public. Persons residing along the Trinity River and below the Lake Livingston Dam should make preparations in the event waters rise to flood levels for your area. Persons are urged to stay away from creeks and rivers until flood waters recede.

Except for Route 66 past Taylor Lake Estates, there are no reports of flooded roadways at this time. For TxDOT road conditions, please monitor DriveTexas.org.

Please look for further updates on the Polk County Emergency Management Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement](http://www.facebook.com/PolkCountyEmergencyManagement)).

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