

**POLK COUNTY, TEXAS  
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**HEAVY RAINFALL AND IMPACTS UPDATE**

Floodwaters from the Trinity River remain on Route 66, a low-lying area along the Trinity River just west of Taylor Lake Estates Subdivision in Livingston. This area is prone to flooding when the Trinity River is in flood stage. RVs and some permanent structures exist in the area.

The Voluntary Evacuation Order issued on January 24, 2024 for low-lying areas along the Trinity River below the Lake Livingston Dam is expected to remain in place until the level of the Trinity River and flooding impacts improve.

The National Weather Service (NWS) forecasts a 70% chance of precipitation this afternoon with new rainfall amounts between a tenth to a quarter of an inch, with higher amounts possible in the event of thunderstorms. There is an 80% chance of precipitation tonight, with rainfall amounts between a tenth to a quarter of an inch, with higher amounts possible in the event of thunderstorms.

Flooding is ongoing on the Trinity River. NWS has extended the Flood Warning for the Trinity River near Goodrich until Monday morning, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Trinity River near Goodrich in Flood Stage**

According to NWS, the Trinity River near Goodrich is forecast to rise to a crest of 39.2 feet this evening and fall below flood stage Sunday evening.

**Menard Creek near Rye in Flood Stage**

NWS has issued a Flood Warning for Menard Creek near Rye. Minor flooding is forecast.

Menard Creek near Rye is forecast to rise to a crest of 20.1 feet this afternoon and fall below flood stage this evening.

River and creek forecasts are subject to change. To monitor forecast changes, visit <https://water.weather.gov/ahps/>.

The Trinity River Authority has decreased the discharge at Lake Livingston Dam to 77,163 CFS. For more information on the Lake Livingston Dam releases, visit their website <https://lakedata.traweb.net>.

Remember to be cautious when driving, especially at night when visibility is limited and avoid flooded areas. Remember turn around, don't drown.

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