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Yakima River levels forecast to reach flood stage

Richland, Wash: The National Weather Service is now predicting the Yakima River in Benton County to reach flood stage of 13 feet Saturday morning, January 10.

“We want residents to know that this is a preliminary forecast based on current weather conditions and the amount of water upstream from our county,” said Emergency Manager Bob Spencer. “Fortunately we have a few days before the water is currently forecast to reach that level. Our office will closely monitor conditions over the next 24-36 hours and provide updated information to the media.”

Although local leaders are not calling for any specific actions to be taken at this time, residents should monitor river levels along their property and listen to local media outlets for up-to-date information. Information is also available on the Benton County Emergency Services website at www.bces.wa.gov.

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