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FLOODING IN MANHATTAN, KANSAS

(MANHATTAN, KS – September 3, 2018) The Corps of Engineers reported rainfall around 8.9 inches and 3-4 inches fell in Riley overnight. Riley County Emergency Management, the Manhattan Fire Department, Public Works and RCPD were notified around 4:30 AM that the water in Wildcat Creek was rapidly rising. More rainfall is expected in the next 24 hours and emergency services will continue to monitor the situation.

Roads were blocked off early this morning and residents were notified at that time to evacuate if they lived in the affected areas. It is estimated that 300 people have been affected by flooding at this point.

Areas currently flooded include: Garden Way, Highland Ridge, Red Bud, and Hunter's Island. If you live near Wildcat Creek, take precaution as additional flooding will be possible if rain continues.

Rescue stats from Manhattan Fire Department for people removed by boat, dumptruck or person are as follows: Redbud 60 people; Highland Ridge 16 people, Gardenway 50 plus 20 pets, Village/Whitetail 26 people and 4 pets.

Riley County ATA bus has also been assisting with rescue efforts, transporting evacuees to shelter locations.

An emergency shelter has been set up in Pottorf Hall in CiCo Park, located at 1710 Avery Drive. Pets are being accepted at this time. To check on relatives in emergency shelters, please use the website <https://safeandwell.communityos.org>.

A second emergency shelter is being established at Bramlage Coliseum. Affected students should contact student life stulife@ksu.edu with concerns about housing or classes. An emergency displaced student help center has been set up in the Union today. Students who need transportation, housing, or help with personal items should call 785-395-7233.

Public Works crews are working from west to east to clear debris from roadways. KDOT will inspect closed bridges this afternoon to see if they are safe to be reopened.

The Keats area is also experiencing some flooding, so residents living in these areas should take precautions to protect themselves.

Volunteers and donations are not needed at this time. If you would like to donate relief items please contact the Red Cross directly.

Updates and additional information will be released on social media channels using the hashtag #MHKFlood2018.

Photo of Scenic Drive at Anderson

