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CITY OF HAILEY

2017 BIG WOOD RIVER FLOOD RECOVERY INFORMATION FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION

(Hailey, Idaho, August 3, 2017) The City of Hailey is collaborating with Blaine County, Wood River Land Trust and other partner organizations to request federal funding through the Army Corps of Engineers. The request entails initiation of feasibility analysis for an area of the Big Wood River described as the “Hailey Reach.” The Hailey Reach is the portion of the Big Wood River commencing at the Angela Drive cul de sac at the northerly end and continuing downstream to the Colorado Gulch Bridge. All Hailey riverfront properties are within the Hailey Reach. The following Army Corps programs are requested by Hailey:

- Continuing Authorities Program Section 206: Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration
- Continuing Authorities Program Section 205: Small Flood Damage Reduction Projects
- Continuing Authorities Program Section 14: , Streambank and Shoreline Protection (to reduce risk to public and nonprofit facilities)

“We are moving forward with partner agencies to pursue assistance and funding to protect public infrastructure in flooded neighborhoods,” said Mayor Fritz Haemmerle. Damage assessment from the 2017 Big Wood River flood to streets and park facilities in



the Della View neighborhood in west Hailey is ongoing, and planning of repairs is in the preliminary stages. The area also houses a crucial lift station for the city’s sewer system. “We have identified additional funding sources we intend to pursue if a federal disaster declaration is granted,” Haemmerle added.

The Idaho Office of Emergency Management applied for a federal disaster declaration for Blaine County the week of July 10th. A response is expected any time.

This week the City received a report from the Army Corps of Engineers Readiness Team. This report is a result of field work from Army Corps civil engineers and sedimentologists the week of June 13. The report contains potential flood response options for 2018 and beyond. The options presented have not been screened for feasibility, and are for suggestive purposes only. If the Corps of Engineers approves the request for assistance, then a full feasibility study of options will occur. “In the meantime, I have asked our City Engineer to prepare preliminary concepts and cost estimates for both short and long term options,” Haemmerle said. “Once we have a preliminary plan and rough costs in hand, we can begin discussions with our partner agencies and the community.”

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