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(Wyo.)-Flood Advisories Issued For Parts Of Wyoming



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Photo: The Niobrara River starts near Manville, Wyo., and flows through Agate Fossil Beds on its way across Nebraska to the Missouri River. (Photo courtesy of www.nps.gov)

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (ASSOCIATED PRESS) - Ice jams and melting snow have caused flooding in several locations around Wyoming.

The worst flooding is around Worland, where officials say about 80 people have been evacuated after an ice jam backed up the Big Horn River.

The ice jam at bridge just west and south of Worland has caused water to jump 100 to 200 yards from the river bank. The water is up to 18 inches deep.

Minor flooding also has been reported in western Wyoming, including the Jackson, Afton and Kemmerer areas. That flooding is caused by melting snow that can't be absorbed by the frozen ground, and the water is pooling in low areas. Some residences have reported water.

And flooding has occurred along the Niobrara River in the Lusk area of east-central Wyoming.