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POUDRE BREACHES VARRA GRAVEL PIT IN EAST GREELEY; NO IMMEDIATE THREAT TO HOMES IN AREA

WELD COUNTY, CO – This morning, the Poudre River gage located in Greeley dropped from a reading of over 3,300 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 120 cfs. After quick investigation of the gage by the City of Greeley Water



Water from the Poudre River is now flowing into the Varra Gravel Pit east of Greeley. No homes in the area are threatened at this time. Officials will monitor the area throughout the day.

Department and Weld County Emergency Management, it was discovered that the Poudre River breached the Varra Gravel Pit east of Greeley.

Currently, the river is flowing into the pit. Once the pit is full, the water will begin to flow across the field toward the east and then back into the Poudre River.

Fern Ave. will remain closed between 8th Street and 16th Street.

At this time, we do not see any threats to homes in the area from this breach into the pit. First responders and emergency management personnel will continue to monitor the area throughout the day.

A Flood Warning is still in effect for the Poudre River through Weld County. Citizens need to be aware of road closures, and if you live close to a river, be prepared to evacuate in case of an emergency alert.

Register your cell phone at www.weld911alert.com to receive emergency notifications from dispatch. For additional preparedness information, visit the Weld County Emergency Management web site at www.weldgov.com.

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