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MENDOCINO COUNTY PREPARATIONS FOR SEVERE WINTER STORM

Due to the severe and impending weather forecast this afternoon through Friday, some Mendocino County offices may be forced to close, thereby only providing limited services to the public. This storm is predicted to be the worst storm to hit our area in years, consisting of high winds and heavy rainfall. The public is advised to call County Departments in advance to confirm the availability of services. Please visit the County's website at www.co.mendocino.ca.us for departmental contact information.

Mendocino County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) urges the community to be safe and prepare for extended power outages. Everyone should make sure they have food and water in their homes, flashlights and extra batteries, gas in their vehicles and cash readily available. Even if you feel you live in a community with a low risk of flooding, remember that anywhere it rains, it can flood. Just because you have not experienced a flood in the past, does not mean you will not in the future. Flood risk is not solely based on history; but on a number of factors including rainfall, topography, flood-control measures, river-flow and tidal-surge data, and changes due to new construction and development. Do not drive on or across roadways where water is flowing and/or rising. Flowing water can wear away the roadway surface and cause your vehicle to sink into deeper water. Flowing and/or rising water can carry your vehicle away swiftly which can result in serious injury or death to the occupants of the vehicle. Listen to local radio for information regarding the storm, *Be Safe-Be Prepared*.

More information can be found by following the Facebook pages at facebook.com/MendocinoSheriff, County of Mendocino, Mendocino County Department of Transportation, and on Twitter at #WXMendoStorm14. Periodic storm related updates will be made available on the County's Dial 2-1-1 System, or by dialing (707) 565-2114.

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