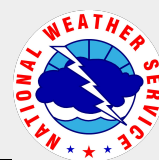




Flash Flood



Impact Based Warning (IBW) Guidelines

	<u>Base</u>	<u>Considerable</u>	<u>Catastrophic</u>
Usage	<i>Most often</i>	<i>Rare, Urgent Action Needed</i>	<i>Exceedingly Rare, aka Flash Flood Emergency</i>
Roads & Small Bridges	Flooded, closed	Impassable, major highways closed, washouts/damage	Significant washouts & structural damage, damage to major highways
Vehicles	Stranded, stalled	Submerged, standing water rescues, isolated swift water rescues	Numerous swift water rescues, vehicles swept away
Structures	Surrounded, entering crawlspace, basement or garage	Water entering first floor, evacuation assists or rescues	Upper floors flooded, structures destroyed or swept away, numerous swift water rescues
Land	Fields, parks, parking lots, yards flooded	Significant inundation of fields, parks, parking lots, yards	Unprecedented inundation outside of 100-year floodplain
Streams, Creeks & Small Rivers	Exceed Flood Stage	Moderate Stage exceeded, water rescues	Major or Record Flooding, multiple swift water rescues

Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) Criteria

Will it WEA?

- ✓ New Flash Flood Warning (FFW) with Considerable/Catastrophic tag
 - ✓ Flash Flood Statement (FFS) with increased damage threat tag
 - *Base -> Considerable/Catastrophic* and
 - *Considerable -> Catastrophic*
 - ✓ Flash Flood Statement with an extension (EXT) of Considerable/Catastrophic tagged FFW
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- Note: All Flash Flood Warnings will activate EAS, NWR, and post to weather.gov
 - Note: Updates (i.e., FFSs) that already carry an elevated tag do not **re**activate the WEA unless the above criteria are met