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Residents urged to stay alert as flood chances increase

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NEW BRAUNFELS — Comal County residents are urged to be aware of increased flooding risks as heavy rains move into the area tomorrow.

The National Weather Service in San Antonio forecasts about five inches of rain will fall along Interstate 35 between San Antonio and Austin between Thursday and Sunday, with local amounts as high as 10 inches.

“A difference of a mile or two in where the rain falls can be the difference between causing a significant flooding event and no flooding at all,” said Jeff Kelley, Comal County emergency management coordinator. “We encourage everyone to take advantage of the resources they have to keep themselves and their loved ones safe this weekend.”

In preparation for the expected weather, the county’s Emergency Management Office is coordinating with first responders within its borders, as well as regional partners; receiving multiple daily updates from the National Weather Service; and making sure the Emergency Operations Center is ready for use.

The Comal County Engineer’s Office provides real-time information on road closures, low water crossings and river levels in the county’s unincorporated areas; residents living near or driving through flood-prone areas should monitor those sites, Kelley said.

Flood and river data can be found under the “Current Weather Information” heading near the bottom of the Engineer’s Office webpage, cceo.org. Road and boat ramp closures are available at <http://cceo.org/road/closures.asp>.

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