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### **Officials Urge Union County Residents to Take Steps Against Flooding**

PIERRE, S.D. – With the Big Sioux River forecast to crest on Friday night at a record level, local and state officials warn residents in southern Union County to take steps to protect themselves and their property.

Officials are working on protective measures to keep the swollen Big Sioux River from inundating Union County communities, but they ask citizens to take responsibility for their own safety.

“We are doing all we can to get protective measures in place, but those who are in flood-prone areas should not rely on that,” said Ray Roggow, emergency manager for Union County. “Weather could interfere with our efforts, or the efforts may fail. Every citizen should act now to protect their lives and property.”

Maps showing the potential areas of inundation should be available Wednesday. In the meantime, officials say the areas of concern with the flooding river are:

- All of North Sioux City and the entire McCook Lake area, likely including the Wynstone and Deer Run communities.
- Residents of Dakota Dunes also face the potential for flooding.

The flooding threat is expected to be short-lived, but intense. After the river rises through the week to its Friday evening crest, it is forecast to begin dropping.

A community meeting for residents of North Sioux City, McCook Lake and Dakota Dunes is planned for Wednesday evening, June 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Dakota Valley High School. Officials will update citizens and answer questions.