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PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY

Red River Floodway Off Limits to Off-Road Vehicles

Public Advised to Expect Significant Changes to Terrain on West Side of Floodway Across from Springhill

The Manitoba Floodway Authority (MFA) is reminding the public, and in particular off-road and all-terrain vehicle users, to please stay off the floodway especially at popular recreational areas around Springhill Winter Park to the Outlet Control Structure in Lockport.

The MFA is also advising all off-road and all terrain vehicle users that excavated floodway earth will be deposited on the floodway right-of-way on the west side of the channel opposite Springhill. This will result in filling the site. The public is advised to expect significant terrain and landscape changes at the conclusion of the project.

Currently, much of the floodway channel excavation is occurring just south of the PTH 59 North Bridge all the way to Lockport. However, active construction is ongoing at various locations along the floodway, making the entire 48 kilometre length of the floodway channel an active and potentially dangerous construction zone. Workers are focused on operating heavy equipment and may not see members of the public or off-road vehicles in the area.

Construction crews will continue to work to provide a 1-in-700 year flood protection by next spring. While construction proceeds, please help keep the construction site safe for you and for workers by staying away from the floodway during construction.

Thank you for your co-operation.

“Remember Ride Safe”

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