

Jackson County Levee Update WR, 37< BT/KAIT 2/18/19 (Mon PM/Tue AM)

Officials in Northeast Arkansas got some help over the weekend to help repair an eroding levee. But, as KASU's Brandon Tabor reports, they are still keeping an eye on the area as more heavy rain is expected.

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Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson deployed the National Guard to Jackson County on Saturday to help make repairs to an eroding levee near the White River.

Jackson County Judge Jeff Phillips was on-site at the area south of state highway 224 also helping with repair efforts...

[TAKE :CUT NAME:1-11s OUTCUE:...along the erosion area. DURATION:11]

Also over the weekend, KAIT-TV reported the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said it was okay for Phillips to lift a voluntary evacuation order for residents living in the area. But, he told KASU News, the order was given prior to the latest forecast for more heavy rain expected in Northeast Arkansas this week.

[TAKE :CUT NAME:2-10s OUTCUE:...sandbags in place in the river. DURATION:10]

According to Monday's gauge reading of the White River at Newport, the river level is expected to continue dropping below flood stage by Wednesday despite the rain. Phillips said he expects an updated report from the National Weather Service after the President's Day Holiday. But he said he will continue to keep his eyes on the levee.

In Jonesboro, I'm Brandon Tabor. KASU News.

Jackson County Levee Update 1, 66< BT/KAIT 2/18/19 (Mon PM/Tue AM)

Jackson County Judge Jeff Philips said yesterday the Arkansas Army National Guard helped repair an eroding levee near the white river over the weekend.

*NEWS 1 (:11) "Well, they came in Saturday and dropped around 61 4,000 lb bags of sand along the erosion area."*

KAIT-TV reports the U.S Army Corps of Engineers said a voluntary evacuation order for the area south of state highway 224 could be lifted. Weather officials have forecast that the river will continue to drop despite more heavy rain forecast for tomorrow (Tuesday).

Jackson County Levee Update 2, 65< BT/KAIT 2/18/19 (Mon PM/Tue AM)

Jackson County Judge Jeff Philips confirmed to KASU News today (Monday) the voluntary evacuation order was lifted over the weekend before hearing about more heavy rain expected for tomorrow (Tuesday)...

*NEWS 2 (:10) "I got with the [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] Saturday about that. And, with the river dropping as it is--and it has dropped a lot, you can actually see some of the sandbags in place in the river--we're trying to get a forecast of the river."*

Phillips issued a voluntary evacuation order for residents south of Arkansas Highway 224 living near an eroding levee along the White River. Weather officials have forecast the white river will continue to drop despite expected heavy rain.