

Missouri River remains on the rise

(KAIR)--The Missouri River is expected to crest under major flood stage at locations across the local region this week.

That's according to the forecast from the National Weather Service.

The river, at Atchison, is predicted to climb to 26.8 feet early Friday morning, about 3-feet below the major flood stage of 30 feet.

In Elwood, the river stage is forecast to reach 24.9 feet Thursday evening, about 2-feet below major flood stage.

In Rulo, Nebraska, where major flood stage is 26 feet, the Missouri River is forecast to reach 23-feet Friday morning.

The Missouri River level has been rising ever since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers increased releases from Gavins Point Dam from 70,000 cubic feet per second to 80,000.

The Corps recently increased releases after extreme rain in the upper Missouri River basin filled the six reservoirs upstream on the Missouri.

The river flooding continues to impact local area motorists through road closings.

U.S. Highway 59, east of Atchison, Kansas, in Buchanan County, Missouri, remains closed due to water over the roadway.

A similar situation also remains in Doniphan County, where K-7 Highway, north of White Cloud, remains closed.

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