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**Joint Media Release Regarding Flooding and Possible Well Contamination in Gooding and Lincoln Counties.**

In response to the generalized flooding and the apparent contamination of wells in Lincoln and Gooding counties, it was determined that to manage resources effectively, an emergency operations center would be setup. Commissioner McConnell was identified as the incident commander, John Moore as the lead Public Information Officer and Payson Reece, the Lincoln County Emergency Coordinator as Operations Chief.

Discussion included what needs to be done at this time as well as what steps should be taken from this point forward. Residents have been testing their wells, but additional well testing is necessary in order to understand the extent of the contamination and evaluate the source(s).

What tests need to be done, the frequency of testing, the logistics of sampling, and other details about the response will be discussed tonight at the Gooding/Lincoln counties town hall meeting.

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