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WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS STATEMENT

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014

AT 6 PM, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 22ND, THE DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF YELLOWSTONE COUNTY WILL BE CONDUCTING A TEST OF ALL 24 OUTDOOR SIRENS ACROSS YELLOWSTONE COUNTY. THIS TEST WILL INVOLVE THE COMMUNITIES OF BILLINGS, LOCKWOOD, LAUREL, BROADVIEW, CUSTER, HUNTLEY, SHEPHERD, AND WORDEN. THE SIRENS WILL BE ACTIVATED FOR ONE MINUTE. ALL 24 SIRENS WILL BE MONITORED BY MEMBERS OF THE YELLOWSTONE AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE. IF THREATENING WEATHER EXISTS THE TEST WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29TH.

THIS TEST IS BEING CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE AS PART OF THEIR WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK. THIS IS ALSO A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO CONSIDER THE ACTIONS THEY WOULD TAKE IN THE EVENT THIS WAS A REAL EMERGENCY AND DETERMINE THEIR LEVEL OF PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS. PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS SHOULD INCLUDE AT A MINIMUM A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN, HOME EVACUATION PLAN AND AN EMERGENCY KIT. INFORMATION ON BEING PREPARED CAN BE FOUND ON THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES WEBSITE AT <http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/des/BePrepared.asp>.

IF THIS WERE A REAL EMERGENCY, YOU WOULD WANT TO IMMEDIATELY TUNE TO YOUR FAVORITE TELEVISION OR RADIO STATION OR NOAA WEATHER ALL HAZARDS RADIO FOR MORE INFORMATION.