

Flooding, Landslides, Sinkholes, Evacuations

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Flooding is taking a toll on area roads and some homes, that after a line of heavy rain lined up along the spine of the Appalachian Mountains mid afternoon, dumping rain in a sequence of storms. Boone Fire was called to evacuate two persons from one house on Farthing Street--one in a wheelchair, meanwhile Faculty Street became entirely impassable. Faculty Street, Hill Street, and the areas around the Hardees on Blowing Rock Road were closed down, with one lane said to be passable as 321 becomes Hardin Street. Avery reported rock and mud slides at the bottom of Belview Hill and on Spanish Oak. The DOT and area fire departments have been dispatched to road problems and one bridge issue, with a large tree limb washed down into a low bridge on Appaloosa Trail. A culvert pipe on Poplar Grove in the 1200 block has been unearthed and is spewing water in that area, with law enforcement urging caution in any travel. A flash flood warning was issued in the midst of the deluge, with more rain expected into the evening.

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