

Baby, it's wet outside!! Sounds all too familiar! If April showers bring May flowers, what do January, February and March showers bring? Mushy ground and muddy vehicles! Am I complaining? Not really! I'm a country girl who likes to go muddin' with the best of 'em! However, I WOULD like to be able to mow the yard, weed the flower beds and maybe enjoy a weekend day or two of sunshine sometime this month! I'm just not sure if that's in the forecast!

Last week brought Spring right on in! Since spring brings out visions of new life, flowering plants, and butterflies, I'm VERY positive about this season! I'm happy to know that we are not in a drought at this time in our area, nor are we in the highest predictions of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's outlook for 2015 U.S. Spring Flood Risk! Our region's threat by NOAA shows that minor flooding is possible. It goes on to say that, "Recent rain from the Gulf of Mexico through the Ohio Valley has caused minor and localized moderate and major flooding to this area, priming soils and streams for flooding to persist. Flood potential will be driven by individual rain and thunderstorms typical in the spring." The report goes on to say that, "Above average precipitation is most like for parts of the Southwest...and Texas..." It sounds like they know exactly what we have been experiencing!

So, our message remains focused on flooding at this time. I've spoken with numerous people who relate stories to me about how the water they were crossing was not very deep, so they went across it! I even saw a post from my own mother who confessed that she and my dad had experienced a flash flood at Canton, Texas many years ago! "Roy and I decided to cross a little gully to get back to our RV. All of a sudden the current was way too strong for me, and I'm pretty good in the water. If Roy's 6-ft-something would not have held onto my 5-ft-something, I would have been drowned."

I gasped as I read this, thinking how MY OWN PARENTS didn't heed the warnings I continuously preach!! But, I guess the apple really didn't fall far from the tree, as I read on and she wrote, "Floods are so unpredictable. Be safe!"

And once again, she's right! Be Safe Out There!