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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT

National Weather Service Wilmington NC

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...River Flood Forecasts to begin for the Waccamaw River at Freeland NC on August 1st...

On August 1, 2024, the National Weather Service will begin issuing flood only river level forecasts for the Waccamaw River at Freeland, North Carolina. Forecasts for the Waccamaw River at Freeland will be issued by the Southeast River Forecast Center in Peachtree City, Georgia any time the river has exceeded or is expected to exceed the Action Stage of 14 feet.

When the river reaches the Flood Stage of 15 feet or is forecast to reach or exceed 15 feet, the National Weather Service Office in Wilmington, North Carolina will issue a Flood Warning for the Waccamaw River at Freeland. Statements about the flooding will be issued in the morning and evening during a flood event to keep people with interests in the area apprised of expected impacts. These statements will cease for an event when the river stage falls below 15 feet.

Information regarding water levels and forecasts over southeast North Carolina and northeast South Carolina can be found on the National Water Prediction Service (NWPS) - <https://water.noaa.gov/wfo/ilm/obs> . Observed water levels for the Waccamaw River at Freeland can be found on NWPS via this direct link: <https://water.noaa.gov/gauges/FREN7> . Beginning on August 1, 2024, forecast water levels for the Waccamaw River at Freeland will be available at the same link whenever the river stage is expected to exceed 14 feet.

Questions or comments about this new forecast service can be directed to Rick Neuherz, the Service Hydrologist for the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Wilmington North Carolina via e-mail at [Richard.Neuherz@noaa.gov](mailto:Richard.Neuherz@noaa.gov) .

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