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NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

<u>A FLOOD WATCH, IS IN EFFECT FOR ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES FROM 6:00</u> P.M. ON TUESDAY 28TH JULY, 2020 UNTIL 12:00 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY 2020.

A Flash Flood Watch is in effect for St. Vincent and the Grenadines from 6:00 p.m. today Tuesday 28th July, 2020 until 12:00 noon on Wednesday 29th July 2020. A Flood-Watch is issued when conditions are favourable and there exists the possibility of flooding during the watch period. This flood watch may be upgraded to a warning if conditions warrant.

According to information received from the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Meteorological Services winds of approximately 16 to 28 mp/h (25 to 45km/h), with higher gusts and pockets of moderate to heavy showers, periods of rain and thunderstorm activity; rainfall accumulations of 75mm (approximately 3 inches) are possible through Wednesday with isolated higher amounts in mountainous areas.

These conditions are expected as a result of instability associated with an area of disturbed weather near 14.4°N, 55.9°W or approximately 360 miles east north east of St Vincent & the Grenadines, although the centre of this disturbance is forecast to move over the Northern Leeward Islands.

The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) urges all residents living near rivers and streams especially persons living in areas such as Fitz-Hughes, Chateaubelair, Spring Village, Vermont, Buccament, Rose Place, Calliaqua, Belair, Dauphine, Arnos Vale, Marriaqua, Lowmans, Greggs, South Rivers, Dickson, Langley Park, Sandy Bay, Owia and Fancy to be vigilant.

Residents and motorist in low lying areas and areas prone to flooding and landslide are also asked to be vigilant and exercise caution.

The National Emergency Management Organisation (NEMO) will continue to monitor and provide updates as necessary.

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