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Local Red Cross Providing Help to Those Affect by Flood

[Ellensburg] WA, Friday, January 09, 2009 – As flood waters in areas of Ellensburg and Cle Elum slowly begin to recede, residents who were forced to evacuate are returning to their homes to face the task of rebuilding their communities. American Red Cross disaster response teams in these areas are beginning to assess the impact of the flooding and are distributing supplies, such as clean-up kits, into the affected areas as they are needed.

WHAT: Red Cross Clean-up kits (cleaning supplies)

WHO: Provided free to anyone impacted by recent flooding

DAY and LOCATION: Saturday, January 10th at Noon at Kittitas County Fairgrounds (501 N. Poplar-Teaway Hall, Ellensburg).

Saturday, January 10th at 2:00 PM at The Centennial Center (719 East Third, Cle Elum)

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by the voluntary donations of time and money from the American people. For more information or to make a donation to the flood disaster relief efforts, please contact the Kittitas County Chapter of the American Red Cross or visit www.arcofkittitascounty.org.

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About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Last year, almost a million volunteers and 35,000 employees helped victims of almost 75,000 disasters; taught lifesaving skills to millions; and helped U.S. service members separated from their families stay connected. Almost 4 million people gave blood through the Red Cross, the largest supplier of blood and blood products in the United States. The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

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