

With the recent cold weather, the NWS-Taunton is looking for information and confirmation/extent of ice cover in our areas. Would you respond if you have significant ice cover along any rivers in your area? This will help them determine the ice jam flood potential, especially freeze-up jams.

Just to provide a reference to this cold spell- so far it is not as intense as the cold snap we had in January 2005. Athol had a significant river ice flood event after a 10 day stretch of average temperatures around 8 degrees F. During the past 14 days this month, Orange has averaged 17.9 degrees F- not as bad, but enough for ice to form. Any information would be much appreciated.

Nicole in additional correspondence on Friday, Feb. 2nd, provided this:

"After today, temperatures are forecast to remain below the freezing mark for the following 7 days. In addition, during this upcoming Sunday night through Wednesday night, we're expecting temperatures to be some 15 to 20 degrees below normal."

"Because of this, I'm concerned that the rivers more vulnerable to ice in Southern New England may go from a normal threat of flooding due to (freeze-up) ice jams, to an above normal threat over the next 2 weeks."

"Southern New Hampshire and North Central/Northwest Massachusetts are of the most concern at this time. Examples of rivers of concern are the Millers in Massachusetts, and the Souhegan and Contoocook Rivers in Southern New Hampshire."

Thanks much!

Please do not report this data to the lists, use the contact information below to pass your observations.

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