

Weather Outlook



Dust Storm Preparedness Tips:

For those GRIC Employees who work outdoors. Below are a few safety tips:

- Gusty winds can get up to 45mph creating localized blowing dust and lower visibilities.
- Strong cross winds and shifting winds through gaps and canyons will create difficult driving conditions for high profile.
- Don't be in a hurry.
- If you encounter blowing dust area, pull off the road as far as possible and put your vehicle in park. Turn the lights all the way off and keep your foot off the brake pedal.
- Residents are encouraged to check on family members and elder neighbors.

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Date: Wednesday, June 13th, 2018

MONSOON PREPAREDNESS

Every year, the Gila River Indian Community is subject to a variety of serve weather threats in association with the Annual Monsoon Season.

This week June 11th-15th is Monsoon Awareness Week. Each Day, OEM will address different topics to highlight the different weather hazards and safety precautions to take when severe weather strikes!

Today's topic is <u>Dust Storms</u> which can be dangerous & often lead to highway injuries or fatalities. Often, strong thunderstorm winds generate areas of dense blowing dust. Visibility can be reduced dramatically and rapidly making driving conditions extremely dangerous. If you are driving and encounter a dust storm remember to pull over off the highway as far as possible from traffic. Stay informed of the weather forecast and warnings.

Daily Weather Forecast:



Excessive Heat Warning- 10 am – 8 pm

What: Excessive Heat Warning

<u>When:</u> Excessive Heat Warning continues for today Wednesday, June 13, 2018. Best chance for gusty winds and blowing dust Thursday and Friday. Thunderstorms and isolated heavy rain Friday night and Saturday.

<u>GRIC Employees</u> should take extra proper precautions when working outdoors or in the field. Here are some safety tips that you can take when severe weather strikes:

A Dust Storm can sustained wind speeds of between 30 and 40 mph are expected...or wind gusts of between 40 and 58 mph. Winds this strong can make driving difficult...especially For high profile vehicles. In addition...strong winds over desert Areas could result in briefly lowered visibilities to well under a mile at times in blowing dust or blowing sand. Use extra Caution.

Remember...pull aside...stay alive!!

The OEM Duty Phone 520-610-8120 is available for emergency support purposes only!