Flood Products Decision Tree

Start Here!

What flood products are needed?

Is the location a **main-stem** stream or river with **forecast points**?

Yes → Is flooding which requires **immediate action** to protect **life** or **property** occurring or imminent?

- **Yes** → Flood Warning (FLW) in RiverPro
- **No** → Is flooding/elevated stream flow **significant enough** to warrant **notification of the public** occurring or imminent?
  - **Yes** → Flood Advisory (FLS) in RiverPro
  - **No** → No Advisory/Warning Needed

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  - **Yes** → Areal Flood Advisory (FLS) in WarnGen
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- **Yes** → Is ongoing or previous heavy rainfall likely to cause **additional increases** in inundation?
  - **No** → Areal Flood Warning (FLW) in WarnGen
  - **Yes** → **Flash Flood Warning (FFW) in WarnGen**
    - Start over upon FFW Expiration
    - Does a severe threat to human life exist? Is catastrophic damage from flooding occurring or imminent?
      - **Yes** → **Flash Flood EMERGENCY in WarnGen**

FFW will activate NWR/EAS and Wireless Emergency Alerts. If declaring a FF Emergency within an FFS, consider manual override for NWR/EAS using FFW header.