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Butte County Urges Caution for the First Storm of the Season

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Oroville, CA – The National Weather Service is forecasting the first significant storm of the season for Northern California this Friday and Saturday, and Butte County officials encourage residents to be aware of possible debris flows, especially in the areas affected by the recent wild fires.

The National Weather Services is expecting over an inch of rain for much of Northern California with some locations receiving in excess of two inches from mid to late afternoon on Friday to Saturday. Normally, rainfall of this magnitude would not pose much concern after a long dry season. However, of particular concern this year are the burn areas from the wildfires this summer where debris flows may occur. Butte County Public Works is monitoring storm developments and will deploy crews as necessary. Residents living in or near a burned area should be aware of the potential for possible debris flows.

Moreover, the first rain of the season always produces slick roadways due to the build up of oils on the roadways during the summer months. Motorists are advised to slow down and allow for extra travel time to reach their destinations during this first storm of the season.

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