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Loup Power Canal Damaged in Flooding

COLUMBUS, Neb. — Flood waters caused substantial damage to the Genoa Headworks and breached the Loup Power Canal in several places on Thursday and Friday.

Two of the breaches are located at the Headworks. At least five more are located between the weir bridge and the Highway 22 bridge southwest of Genoa. The breaches are releasing water from the canal, resulting in limited flow to the powerhouses at Monroe and Columbus. The powerhouses are still generating limited electricity.

The caretaker's home at the Genoa Headworks was swept away in the floodwaters. He and his family are safe. An addition to the Headworks shop was also ripped off in the flooding.

"We're trying to stop the uncontrolled flow of water from the Loup River so we can further assess the damage," said President/CEO Neal Suess.

District personnel are also working to fix the roads to the Headworks area with the help of Koch Excavating and Bygland Dirt Contracting, Inc., so they can better access the area.

Preferred Sands, which is located just north of the Genoa Headworks has been assisting Loup as well, offering manpower and access to large equipment.

"They've been great to work with," Suess said. "I don't even know how to begin to thank them."

Outside of the Headworks, flooding in St. Edward knocked a transformer off its footings. It is secured and straightened. A mobile transformer will serve St. Edward next week while personnel make repairs and further assess damage to the transformer.

Throughout the event, there were only a few, brief outages in the District.