

Crews work to limit flooding on Carson River

About 600 feet of temporary barrier has been installed along the Carson River to prevent flooding.

Friday morning flows on the Carson River approached 5,000 cubic feet per second, causing Douglas County and the Carson Valley Conservation District to be concerned. Portions of the natural bank protecting the Aspen Mobile Home Park were eroded away during the previous flood events, increasing the likelihood of flooding during the snowmelt.

F & B Construction installed the "TrapBag" along the East Fork of the Carson River. TrapBags are essentially oversized sandbags which can be rapidly installed in anticipation of flooding. The current installation raises the river bank 4 feet.

This stretch of river overtops its banks when flows reach approximately 6,500 cubic feet per second.

The county contributed \$25,000 with the Aspen Mobile Home Association contributing \$5,000.