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**North Metro Fire Rescue and neighboring agencies rescue three victims at Dillon Road washout**

**Broomfield, CO** - North Metro Fire Rescue District responded to a call at 5:58 a.m. on Dillon Road east of Highway 287 in Broomfield. Due to excess water running through Rock Creek, the road over the culvert collapsed and three vehicles were sent into the water.

Water rescue teams from North Metro Fire and Lafayette Fire Department initially stabilized the vehicles with chains and began their water rescue via boat. The first victim was able to escape from his vehicle and crawl up the bank.

The second victim was rescued out of his car in the water with minor injuries. The third vehicle was flipped over and submerged in water. Firefighters were able to attach chains to flip the vehicle over. At that point, rescuers were able to reach the victim and equip him with a life jacket. Moments later, they were able to open the vehicle's door and pull the victim out. Three victims in total were involved in the incident and were transported to area hospitals with minor injuries. At this point victims are unavailable for any media interviews.

North Metro Fire crews are now working with Xcel Energy to secure the area and monitor the gas line running across the creek.

**Tips for area residents**

North Metro Fire wants to encourage area residents to remain indoors today as conditions continue to

change. Flash flood waves, moving at high speeds, can roll boulders, tear out trees, destroy buildings and bridges. In many cases, residents may not have warning that these deadly, sudden flood are coming. When a flash flood warning is issued for your area or when you realize one is imminent, act quickly to save yourself. Avoid already flooded and high velocity flow areas. Do not try to cross a flowing stream on foot where water is above your knees.

For the most up to date information on road closures and weather advisories, stay tuned to your local city departments' websites, NOAA weather radio, commercial radio or television. Information from the national weather service and disaster and emergency services will be able to relay information that can be potentially lifesaving.

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**North Metro Fire Rescue District**

North Metro Fire Rescue is dedicated to your quality care. North Metro Fire Rescue provides fire protection, emergency medical services, hazardous materials response and rescue services to our community. Formed in 1946, the district now covers 63 square miles with a population of approximately 103,000 people including the City and County of Broomfield, the City of Northglenn and unincorporated areas of Boulder, Adams and Jefferson Counties.