

# SPANISH FORK

PRIDE & PROGRESS

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Spanish Fork Community Parents,

We are renewing our warning to stay safe by staying out of the Spanish Fork River.

On Tuesday night, four high-school-aged students from the Nebo School District area took their kayaks onto the Spanish Fork River. Concerned residents called police; and by the time responders arrived, two of the students were flipped out of their kayaks.

Prompted by on the observations of the 911 callers, a large-scale rescue and recovery operation was dispatched including personnel from Spanish Fork Police, Spanish Fork Fire & EMS, Utah County Sheriff's Office and Search and Rescue, along with a search helicopter. The youths' actions of entering the dangerous waters prompted the full response. Thankfully, all of the young men were able to get out of the water safely.

To put it simply, the water is too fast, too cold, and too full of hidden debris and obstacles for anyone to be in the river. There have been too many tragedies in rivers throughout Utah this year, and we need your help to prevent one from happening in the Spanish Fork River.

Please have a conversation with your student(s) about the dangers of the river being high, fast, and unknown waters and help us keep everyone safe and out of the river.

RESPECTFULLY,

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