Flood Event of 12/6/1972 - 12/11/1972

North Branch Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Kitzmiller	9.00	12/8/1972	9.06	14,800	Minor	North Branch Potomac	Potomac River	Garret	Garret

North Branch Susquehanna

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Conklin	11.00	12/8/1972	11.50	21,600	Minor	North Branch Susquehanna	North Branch Susquehanna River	Broome	Broome
Cortland	8.00	12/7/1972	8.69	5,030	Minor	North Branch Susquehanna	Tioughnioga River	Cortland	Cortland
Sherburne	8.00	12/6/1972	8.75	4,150	Minor	North Branch Susquehanna	Chenango River	Chenango	Chenango

Potomac

Site	Flood Stage	Date	Crest	Flow	Category	Basin	Stream	County of Gage	County of Forecast Point
Martinsburg	10.00	12/9/1972	13.09	7,000	Moderate	Potomac	Opequon Creek	Berkeley	Berkeley
Shepherdstown	15.00	12/10/1972	17.02	64,800	Minor	Potomac	Potomac River	Jefferson	Jefferson

Weather Summary

On December 6th a warm and then cold front moved through the state of Pennsylvania and later in the day New York and New Jersey. Less than three days later a stationary front planted it's self over the East Coast dumping rain throughout the region. Between these two weather systems as much as two inches fell from Kearneysville, WV to Conkin, NY. Due to the amount of rain in this short period of time there were some minor floods that popped up during this time period. More specifically there were minor floods in the Delaware and Potomac Basins with some becoming more moderate in the Potomac.

Source: Provided by Catherine Menke – The Pennsylvania State University

Crest Statistics and Flood Information

First flood of 2 that occured in Dec, 1972

Nineteenth flood of 20 that occured in 1972

Number of Floods at MARFC Forecast Points - 6

Number of Floods Cresting in Minor Range - 5

Number of Floods Cresting in Moderate Range - 1

Number of Floods Cresting in Major Range - 0

Number of Floods Cresting in Missing Range - 0