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Graders and dump trucks from the Nebraska Department of Roads are out in force this week south of Gothenburg.

Workers are creating a berm and building up an access road that winds north and west of the K.O.A.campground/British Imports Store.

Ted Steuben, the NDOR supervisor for the Gothenburg area, said the state is trying to keep water away from Interstate 80 since the swollen Platte River is expected to receive even more water.

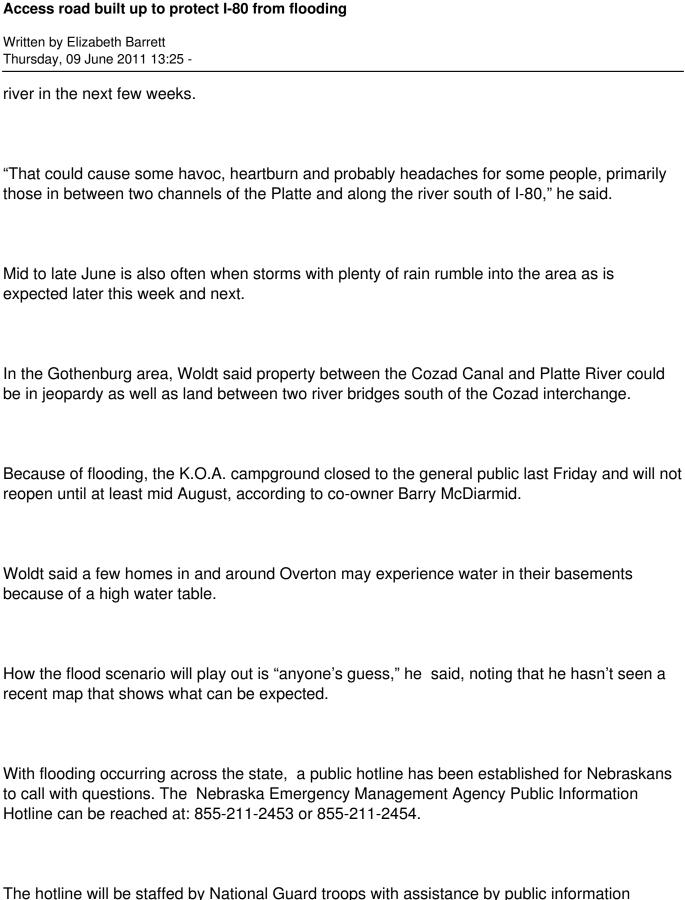
"The word is that we're getting higher water in the area in about 10 days," he said Tuesday morning. "We're getting prepared because of the high water in North Platte."

Steuben said workers will build up the access road with about a foot of crushed concrete and create a berm on the south side.

When they're finished with the road project, he said they'll reinforce a spot by the southeast corner of the river bridge over I-80 a mile west of town.

Dawson County civil defense director Brian Woldt is advising residents near the river to start preparing for flooding now by moving trailers and items from basements to higher ground.

Woldt said Federal Emergency Management Agency officials are advising civil defense directors and others to prepare for a 100-year flood since mountain snow melt from the South Platte, added to already high water in the North Platte, is expected to begin careening down the



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until further notice in response to flooding and potential flooding expected as water levels increase across Nebraska.

Flood-related resources and links can also be found on the NEMA website .

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