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Englewood, CO - On May 21, 2019, Englewood Police Officers notified individuals at the homeless encampment along the banks of the South Platte River that they will have until June 4 to vacate so that mitigation and clean-up efforts of the river can begin.

The site has been declared a public nuisance under Title 15 of the Englewood Municipal Code; and that it has been identified as a flood control and erosion mitigation area by the Urban Drainage and Control District.

AllHealth Network coresponders, who specialize in behavioral healthcare services, worked alongside Englewood Police to distribute information and advise those who will be displaced about community support resources. Additionally, Change the Trend (CTT), whose mission is to mobilize and equip communities to constructively engage the issue of homelessness, has organized non-profits and faith communities for outreach.

Following removal of the camps, the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District will begin a reseeding campaign to mitigate the damage to the river bank.

Should the media have interest in the mitigation, we kindly ask that you adhere to the following requests.

- Media staging will take place on Tuesday June 4, at 8:45 a.m. in the parking lot (south end) of the Englewood Service Center, 2800 South Platte River Drive, Englewood CO 80110.
Englewood Police Sergeant Chad Read will serve as the Public Information Officer and the contact upon arrival.

The media will be allowed to film and report from additional and specified staging areas once a briefing takes place and safety considerations are discussed.

There will be no on-camera interviews until the afternoon of Tuesday June 4. Those interviews will be coordinated by Sergeant Read and will begin between 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Additional information will be forthcoming on Tuesday June 4.

Should you have any additional questions, please email Sergeant Read at cread@englewoodco.gov

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