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S.C. Flooding News:

Associated Press: South Carolina flood: Thousands without running water

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=AUIqWueS

Seanna Adcox, Jeffrey Collins

After a week of steady rain, the showers tapered off Monday and an inundated South Carolina turned to surveying a road system shredded by historic flooding, and in a cruel twist, thousands of residents faced the prospect of going days without running water. The governor warned communities downstream, near the low-lying coast, that they may still see rising water and to be prepared for more evacuations.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley has said the deluge is the kind of storm seen only once in 1,000 years.

Note: "This is not over. Just because the rain stops does not mean that we are out of the woods," Haley said at a news conference.

Note: Haley, a Republican, also thanked President Barack Obama for a disaster declaration that frees up federal resources and for personally calling her Monday morning.

Post and Courier: Berkeley, Dorchester county schools closed Tuesday; Haley asks for disaster declaration in 11 counties

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC16/151009687>

Andrew Knapp

A flash flood watch for Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester counties has been cancelled and a flood warning is now in affect until 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to the National Weather Service. A coastal flood advisory continues in Charleston County until 6 p.m.

Note: Nine deaths in South Carolina have been blamed on the storm that dumped more than 2 feet of rain on some areas of the Lowcountry, Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday morning.

Note: "It's not going to happen quickly," Haley said. "This is going to be a long process. ... It's not going to be convenient."

Note: "South Carolina has gone through a storm of historic proportions," Haley said. "Having said that, South Carolina is moving. ... This is a state where all hands are on deck."

WIS: Gov. Haley: `We are a strong state. We'll get through this`

http://m.wistv.com/wistv/db_331935/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IXMfSI4W

Renee Standera

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley says the flooding disaster in South Carolina is another tragedy the citizens will get through. "The number one thing is to keep people inside," she said in a live interview with NBC's Today Show Monday morning. "Keep them safe. Haley said most South Carolinians have been paying attention to orders to stay home Monday.

Note: "It is not over," she said. "Just because the rain stops doesn't mean we're out of the woods...It is going to take a while for this water to go away.

WLTX: Gov. Haley: State Moving to Assessment, Recovery,Stage <http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/10/05/haley-says-state-moving-assessment-recovery-mode/73382370/>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley says the state is moving toward assessment and recovery as the government continues to deal with an unprecedented natural disaster in Columbia. Haley updated the public Monday afternoon, where she said officials are trying to make the decision about what best to do next.

Note: Haley also said a verbal request has been made for federal disaster assistance, while will speed up getting resources to help with personal and public assistance.

WCSC: Gov. Haley: Additional evacuations possible in Kingstree

http://m.live5news.com/live5news/db_348384/contentdetail.htm?full=true&contentguid=00TGFBZ&pn=&ps=#display

Patrick Phillips

Gov. Nikki Haley says additional evacuations are possible as floodwaters drain and move south through the state after a historic rain event. Authorities say the watershed they are most concerned about is in Kingstree, where the Black River could overflow because of runoff. Authorities said the Wateree, Waccamaw and Edisto Rivers could also be problematic.

Note: "When in doubt, we're evacuating," Haley said. "So if we think there's going to be any sort of concern whatsoever, we're going to be on the more cautious side than not, which is why I can already tell you Kingstree is probably going to have some evacuations and some others. But our job is to make sure that it's 'Safety First' and that the people are taken care of, and this team has worked very well to make that happen."

LA Times: South Carolina trying to emerge from never-seen-before flooding that has left 9 dead

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-south-carolina-flood-20151005-story.html>

Noah Bierman

Even South Carolina residents who had been through Hurricane Hugo a quarter century ago said they have never seen anything like this, the deadly torrents that have crumpled roads, submerged houses and cars and killed nine people. Even though the house was built four feet above ground, the water had come up nearly two feet into the garage, he said. The backyard was a lake.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday morning that one of the worst floods in the state's history has forced emergency water and aerial rescues for more than 175 residents. Days of relentless rain that began Thursday peaked over the weekend, with some areas receiving more than a foot-and-a-half between Friday and Sunday.

WSPA: Midlands, Lowcountry Still Hit Hard By Flooding Monday

<http://wspa.com/2015/10/05/midlands-lowcountry-still-hard-hit-by-flooding-monday/>

Fred Cunningham

Flooding from record rain continues to cause problems across South Carolina with a part of a major interstate still closed Monday and thousands of people without water service or electricity. Gov Nikki Haley says 9 people died in SC and another in NC. She says 5 people drowned and the other 4 were traffic related.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley said in a news conference this afternoon that the worst isn't over.

Note: "I think they get it. All you have to do is look out the window and see the flooding. It doesn't take long for you to get in your car and realize you've got to turn back around," said Haley.

Greenville News: SC flood deaths climb to nine

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/05/sc-flood-deaths-climb-nine/73377242/>

Tim Smith

Nine South Carolinians have died, five of them drowned in their vehicles, as a result of heavy rains that have caused officials to close more than 500 roads and bridges and left at least 40,000 people without safe drinking water. Gov. Nikki Haley today said while rains have eased from a storm that dumped a historic level of water from the coast to the Midlands, dangers abound and the recovery from the storm will be slow.

Note: "This is going to be a long process," she said. "It's not going to be convenient."

Note: Haley said President Barack Obama telephoned her this morning and sent prayers from him and Michelle Obama.

Note: "If there's a road open now, that doesn't mean it's going to stay open," Haley said, adding that she anticipates evacuations in communities downstream from Columbia as flood waters move.

Associated Press: The Latest: Death toll from rainstorm rises to 12

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=xrEV8yfX

The coroner for the county surrounding Columbia has released the names of several people found dead in flooded vehicles, bringing the death toll from the storms to at least 12. Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said a 35-year-old woman was found dead early Monday and a 78-year-old man was found late Sunday night at separate locations near Gills Creek, the site of some of the worst flooding.

The State: S.C. roads repairs will take time, money

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37814346.html>

Cassie Cope

State officials will have to wait for water levels to recede to determine the flooding damage done to S.C. roads and bridges. "We can anticipate a long period of assessment and recovery," acting state Transportation chief Christy Hall said Monday.

Note: As the flood waters move toward the coast, more road closures will happen, Gov. Nikki Haley said. "If there's a road that's open now, that doesn't mean it's going to stay open."

Note: "We're closing any roads that aren't safe," Haley said.

The State: Day after the SC flood: Death toll rises, roads remain closed

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37818795.html>

Andrew Shain

As rains that caused the worst flood in Columbia in more than a century ended Monday, thousands of people in the Midlands lacked water and power, dozens of roads remained impassible and the death toll continued to rise. At least five people, ranging in age from 24 to 78, died in vehicles found in flooded Columbia-area streets since Sunday, Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said.

Note: To aid the state's recovery after the historic storm, Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday she asked federal officials for a major emergency declaration that would provide housing assistance to people displaced by flooding and money to local governments for debris removal, emergency protection and repairs.

Note: Haley and President Barack Obama declared states of emergency in South Carolina last week.

The State: Names of dead released in Midlands flood disaster

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/state/south-carolina/article37846704.html>

Avery Wilks

Richland County Coroner Gary Watts on Monday afternoon announced five deaths in Richland County related to the historic rainfall and flooding that pounded South Carolina over the weekend. Five Columbia residents were found dead in their vehicles on Sunday, Watts said in a release.

Post and Courier: Price gouging law in effect in South Carolina, AG Alan Wilson's office says

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC05/151009678>

John McDermott

The state is reminding residents and businesses that South Carolina's law against price gouging is in effect. The statute kicked in Friday when Gov. Nikki Haley issued a state of emergency because of the flooding, S. C. Attorney General Alan Wilson said Monday. It is in effect for the next 15 days.

Post and Courier: Drinking water safe but avoid standing water, officials say

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC16/151009669>

Schuyler Kropf

The Charleston regional drinking water supply is not affected by the saturating rain that has flooded the Lowcountry, officials reaffirmed Monday, but the warning to stay out of standing water remains in effect because of possible contamination from leaking sewer lines.

Sun News: Disastrous flooding on the Waccamaw predicted to strike Friday

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article37806501.html>

Audrey Hudson

Torrential rains that wreaked havoc across Horry County began to recede Monday, but for Lees Landing residents, a disastrous slow-moving flood is predicted to swamp riverbanks and invade homes by Friday. A vacant field above the landing materialized into a parking lot filled with cars Sunday night – a timely move as water blocked the road by Monday morning.

Sun News: Georgetown Front Street business owners, residents cleaning up after flood

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article37816047.html>

Claire Byun

The city of Georgetown has seen a lot of hardships the past two years, but that hasn't given residents and business owners a reason to lose hope. Much of Georgetown County was under water Sunday from heavy rain and high tides, and officials blocked off access to the city from Highway 17 and U.S. 701.

The State: Hilton Head GOP booster: Flooding a 'lame excuse' for Lindsey Graham to cancel local campaign events

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article37781745.html#storylink=cpy>

Local Republican leader Tom Hatfield thinks this weekend's devastating storms and floods were a "lame excuse" for presidential hopeful and U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham to cancel his Monday campaign events. Graham had been scheduled to make three stops in Beaufort County today, including the noon meeting of the Hilton Head Island First Monday Republican Lunch Group, which Hatfield moderates.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

Washington Post: Dems up the ante in Benghazi panel fight before Clinton testimony

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/wp/2015/10/05/dems-up-the-ante-in-benghazi-panel-fight/>
Elise Viebeck

Democrats are taking the unprecedented step of releasing excerpts from a closed-session interview the House Benghazi committee conducted last month with Hillary Clinton aide Cheryl Mills, accusing the panel's Republican Chairman Trey Gowdy (S.C.) of selectively leaking information to damage Clinton in the presidential race.

Greenville News: Democrats release Benghazi testimony

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/05/democrats-release-benghazi-testimony/73383142/>
Mary Orndorff Troyan

Partisan acrimony escalated Monday on the special House committee investigating the 2012 attacks in Benghazi when Democrats released portions of the panel's interview with a top aide to former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The committee's Republican chairman, Rep. Trey Gowdy of South Carolina, has so far refused requests to disclose the transcript of the nine-hour interview last month with Cheryl Mills, who was Clinton's chief of staff at the time of the attacks.

South Carolina News:

Associated Press: No development plans likely for old SC port before sale

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=A1tU57Ht

A consultant says a developer will likely have to close on the sale of an old South Carolina port before development plans for the property are worked out with local leaders. The Beaufort Gazette reports (<http://bit.ly/1Lb08AT>) the South Carolina Ports Authority has accepted Palmetto Alliance's more than \$15 million offer for property at the old Port of Port Royal.

Local News:

Island Packet: Beaufort County Board of Education member calls for chairman's resignation

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article37778376.html>

Rebecca Lurye

JoAnn Orischak sent an email to Evans requesting he step down, and copied the full board, superintendent Jeff Moss, board attorney Drew Davis and a member of the S.C. Ethics Commission, she wrote in a separate email to an Island Packet and Beaufort Gazette reporter Saturday.

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