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S.C. Flooding News:

CNN: South Carolina governor calls deadly rain a 'thousand-year' event

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/04/us/east-coast-rain-flood/>

Kevin Conlon, Nick Valencia

South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley didn't mince any words Sunday about just how dangerous a situation the weather -- which was blamed for five deaths in the state by Sunday night -- had become in her state. "We are at a 1,000-year level of rain," Haley said at an afternoon news conference. "That's how big this is." It wasn't hyperbole.

Note: Perhaps that is why Haley went beyond simply urging South Carolinians to stay off the roads in some areas. In Columbia, for example -- a city that had the rainiest day in its history Sunday according to the National Weather Service -- Haley made sure of it by closing all interstates in and around the capital city.

Note: Haley announced Sunday that in addition to the eight swift water rescue teams and 11 aircraft, 600 National Guardsmen had been deployed to assist in rescues and evacuations, and that hundreds more were on standby.

Note: "It's not over," warned Haley. "We are in the middle of it...we have another 24 hours of this."

WIS: Gov. Nikki Haley keeps it simple on SC flooding: 'Stay home'

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30182392/gov-nikki-haley-keeps-it-simple-on-sc-flooding-stay-home>

Jeremy Turnage

Gov. Nikki Haley is continuing to ask South Carolina residents to stay off the roads as flood waters continue to plague large portions of the Midlands and the Lowcountry. The governor says she has also activated 600 members of the National Guard to aid in rescue efforts.

Note: "We are at a thousand-year flood level in the Lowcountry," Haley said. "That's how big this is."

Note: "We'll do our part, but this is really about the citizens of South Carolina," Haley said. "Don't go out in it. Stay home."

New York Times: Flooding Cripples South Carolina Where Some Areas See Over a Foot of Rain

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/05/us/south-carolina-residents-told-to-stay-home-as-rain-continues-to-pound-region.html?smprod=nytcare-iphone&smid=nytcare-iphone-share&_r=0

Richard Fausset, Alan Blinder

Flooding from days of relentless, saturating rains paralyzed much of South Carolina on Sunday, as vehicles were submerged, dams were pushed to their limits, electricity was cut off to thousands and emergency officials staged hundreds of swift-water rescues. Officials attributed at least five deaths in South Carolina to the flooding.

Note: "This is not going to clear up until at least Tuesday or Wednesday," Gov. Nikki R. Haley said at a Sunday afternoon news conference at the state's emergency operations center near Columbia, South Carolina's flooded capital. "Give us the space we need."

WLTX: Gov. Haley: 'It's Not Over, We're Only in the Middle of It'

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/2015/10/04/gov-haley-s-not-over-were-only-middle/73342084/>

South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley says it will take several days for the floodwaters that have drowned the Midlands and other parts of the state to recede. A separate news conference was held by Columbia and Richland County leaders a short time later.

Note: Calling what's taken place in some parts of the her state as a "thousand year flood," Haley spoke Sunday and assured the public that state agencies are doing all they can. "This was flooding like we haven't seen before," Haley said Sunday afternoon. "Our goal is all hands on deck."

USA Today: Flooding sweeps East amid 'mind-boggling' rains

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/weather/2015/10/04/flooding-sweeps-east-amid-mind-boggling-rains/73330716/>

John Bacon

Much of South Carolina was gripped by floodwaters early Monday, as emergency responders promised renewed door-to-door searches for anyone still trapped after days of torrential rain. At least seven weather-related deaths have been blamed on the storm, as "historic" rainfall up to 2 feet in some areas combined with high winds to strand motorists and residents and force hundreds of evacuations and rescues.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley on Sunday said South Carolina's first responders were battling flooding from rains that can be expected once in 1,000 years. "Our goal is all hands on deck," Haley said of the emergency response. "We will get through this, but we need everyone to stay strong."

Washington Post: In South Carolina, 'potentially historic' flooding after days of rainfall

https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/in-south-carolina-potentially-historic-flooding-after-days-of-rainfall/2015/10/04/2fd1d8a2-6aa5-11e5-9bfe-e59f5e244f92_story.html

John Tibbetts, Christian Davenport

Record rainfall lashed South Carolina on Sunday, resulting in what the National Weather Service called "potentially historic and life-threatening flooding." South Carolina authorities pleaded with residents to stay where they were, as they rescued dozens of people trying to cross flooded roads and evacuated people to high ground.

Note: In an afternoon news conference Sunday, Gov. Nikki Haley (R) said parts of her state were hit by once-in-a-thousand-years rainfall. The Congaree River in Columbia was at its highest since 1936, she said.

Note: In her news conference, Haley said there was "an all hands on deck" mentality and that the state had more than enough resources to handle the crisis, including high-water vehicles, sandbags, helicopters and rescue boats.

Associated Press: South Carolina flood: Door-to-door searches, swamped roads

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=cEINP6Ri

Seanna Adcox

Days of torrential rains kept much of South Carolina and its capital gripped by floodwaters early Monday as emergency responders promised renewed door-to-door searches for anyone still trapped after a weekend deluge and hundreds of rescues. At least seven weather-related deaths have been blamed on the vast rainstorm.

Associated Press: Historic South Carolina floods: Heavy rain, hundreds rescued

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=oHIWA12a

Seanna Adcox, Jeffrey Collins

Hundreds were rescued from fast-moving floodwaters Sunday in South Carolina as days of driving rain hit a dangerous crescendo that buckled buildings and roads, closed a major East Coast interstate route and threatened the drinking water supply for the capital city.

Note: "This is different than a hurricane because it is water, it is slow moving and it is sitting. We can't just move the water out," Gov. Nikki Haley said at a news conference.

The State: Epic flooding leaves devastation across SC

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37751562.html>

John Monk

Record floods and drenching rainfalls Sunday shut down hundreds of roads and closed stretches of interstates across South Carolina, forcing thousands to flee their homes or vehicles. At least six people – including three from Richland County – were reported to have died in water-related incidents since Thursday.

Note: "We haven't seen this level of rain in the Lowcountry in a 1,000 years. That's how big this is," said Gov. Nikki Haley at a late Sunday afternoon press conference. "The Congaree River is at its highest level since 1936."

WCIV: Haley: Three deaths related to weather threats, 1 DOT worker missing

<http://www.abcnews4.com/story/30182718/haley-three-deaths-related-to-weather-threats-1-dot-worker-missing>

But Haley said multiple state agencies have formed a coalition to act quickly to all emergencies. Currently on duty are 255 active State Troopers, 1,000 DOT workers, half of the Department of Natural Resources, 320 State Law Enforcement Division officers, 600 National Guardsmen with hundreds more

ready to go and 8,00 more on standby.

Note: "Our goal is all hands on deck. If you are in your house, stay in your house. This is not something you want to go out and take pictures of," Haley said, reminding people that the floodwaters are tainted and unsanitary.

Note: "It's not over. We're in the middle of it," Haley said. "We have seen the level of damage to houses, apartment complexes, businesses. Listen to your first responders, say an extra prayer, and let's hope that we can get through this."

FOX News: Hundreds rescued, at least 7 dead as torrential rain, floods pound South Carolina
<http://www.foxnews.com/weather/2015/10/05/at-least-5-dead-as-torrential-rain-floods-pound-east-coast/?intcmp=trending>

Department of Transportation worker Timothy Wayne Gibson, 45, died Sunday, the most recent fatality blamed on the vast storm. Gibson was reportedly working on the flooded Garners Ferry Road, a major thoroughfare into the capital city. Transportation officials said his truck was caught in rushing waters, overturned and swept away.

Note: Saying the deadly flood waters in her state were at "a thousand-year level" -- and acknowledging that there was still 24 hours of rain to come -- Gov. Nikki Haley urged the residents of South Carolina to stay safe and strong during a Sunday afternoon press conference.

Note: "This is different than a hurricane because it is water, it is slow moving and it is sitting. We can't just move the water out," Haley said.

WCOC: SC Gov. Nikki Haley on flooding: Worst in 1,000 years

<http://www.wsocv.com/news/news/local/scdot-closes-70-miles-i-95-due-record-flooding/nnthG/>

North Carolina has sent help to South Carolina after flooding washed out roads and bridges and left some residents stranded in their homes, businesses and vehicles.

Note: In a press briefing Sunday afternoon, South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said that, "We haven't seen this level of rain in the low country in a 1,000 years."

Greenville News: Flooding spurs rescues, evacuations in Columbia

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/04/flooding-spurs-rescues-evacuations-columbia/73335036/>

Tim Smith

As pooling water shut down patches of interstates near South Carolina's capital, more dramatic developments occurred in and around the city, where rushing water forced evacuations from numerous homes and apartments and spawned boat rescues of residents trapped inside downtown homes.

Note: With the rushing waters behind him, state Rep. Kirkman Finlay, a Columbia Republican, went on live television to express his frustration at the lack of pre-positioned state and federal resources and to plead with Gov. Nikki Haley for help.

The State: Flooding, power outages possible through Monday

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37749813.html>

Jamie Self, Cassie Cope

Rain, flooding and power outages could continue on Monday with rain and wind in the forecast. "It looks like it's going to be continually more rain today," said Jeff Linton, a forecaster with the National Weather Service. However, fewer heavy downpours and less rain overall are expected, he added.

Post and Courier: Record-breaking rain forces evacuations throughout the Lowcountry

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151004/PC16/151009718>

Melissa Boughton

Officials across the Lowcountry agree that this weekend's flooding is the worst they've seen, but the area isn't quite out of the woods yet. Dry weather is forecast Tuesday, but Charleston will have to suffer through another 2 to 3 inches of rain into Monday afternoon, with 4 to 6 inches possible into Berkeley County, according to meteorologist Emily Timte with the National Weather Service in North Charleston.

The State: Forest Acres, Arcadia Lakes: 'Ground-zero for the flood'

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37751244.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Stepping off the small boat that whisked him to safety, a soaked Davis Buchanan trudged away from the water that had flooded his neighborhood's streets and washed into his home early Sunday. "We're OK, but

we don't have a place to stay now," Buchanan said.

S.C. General Assembly News:

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill activists hope SC medical marijuana bill will reduce physical pain and legal stress

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article37742610.html#storylink=cpy>

Bristow Marchant

Instead, Wallace, an Army veteran who suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, or PTSD, and other physical ailments, has split time between her family home outside Rock Hill and a residence in Colorado, where she holds a state-issued medical marijuana card that allows her to buy and use cannabis products from licensed dispensaries in the state.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

Post and Courier: Give foster children security

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC1002/151009713/1022/give-foster-children-security>

Editorial

There is no erasing the damage done over the years to some foster children in South Carolina. But the Department of Social Services has made impressive progress toward ensuring that those things will not happen again. Several things have spurred the DSS to action:

The State: Remember victims, celebrate victories over domestic violence

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/op-ed/article37408107.html>

Alan Wilson, Sarah Barber

On Tuesday, we will gather at the State House for the 18th annual Silent Witness ceremony to remember and honor those South Carolinians who lost their lives to domestic violence during the previous year.

Note: In June, Gov. Nikki Haley signed into law a comprehensive domestic violence reform bill that includes increased accountability for offenders, establishes community-based domestic violence coordinating councils and requires prevention education for middle school students.

South Carolina News:

Post and Courier: Attorney general says culture change necessary to stop domestic violence

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151004/PC16/151009894>

Doug Pardue

It's time for South Carolina to focus on changing its culture that tolerates domestic abuse and has led, once again, to the state's rank as the most deadly in the nation for women, Attorney General Alan Wilson says. Wilson's comment came ahead of Tuesday's annual Silent Witness ceremony at 11 a.m. on the south steps of the Statehouse in Columbia, where the attorney general will read the names of the dozens of people killed in domestic violence across the state during the previous year.

Associated Press: Attorney General to honor victims of domestic violence

http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=NBK2dqwb

South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson is scheduled this week to honor those who have been killed in domestic violence. Multiple media outlets report that Wilson will stand on the south steps of the Statehouse in Columbia on Tuesday morning during the annual Silent Witness ceremony to read the names of the dozens of people killed in domestic violence across the state during the previous year.

Local News:

Post and Courier: Report: North Charleston, Charleston among fastest-growing U.S. economies

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151004/PC05/151009878>

David Wren

North Charleston and Charleston have seen some of the fastest economic growth in the nation, says a WalletHub study comparing 515 U.S. cities across 10 key metrics including income, population and job growth. Those two cities also face some of the biggest challenges — stress on infrastructure and home prices — that high-growth areas nationwide are grappling with.

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