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Storm Battle Continues

Dear Friends:

The sun shines brightly over the Palmetto state and glistens on the resilience of South Carolinians. The historic rains and flooding has left devastation in its path. At least 19 deaths are attributed to the storm; many of those disappeared in waters after they drove around a barricade on a closed road. Although the sun was out and it was a bright beautiful day in South Carolina, problems have not gone away. In fact, potentially they can get worse with downstream flooding.

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/b7e9246d001/099c90f5-e0b5-480b-aead-6956fa54f831.jpg> > **Columbia Hard Hit**

A number of pond and lake dams have been breached and there is the ever present danger that more could rupture. Major areas of Columbia are still under water. Contaminated water or the lack of running water makes life difficult. There are those who have lost everything when their homes and businesses went under water. The clean-up will take a very long time, but be assured, church-based volunteers and others have poured in to help. To view the latest briefing from Gov. Haley [See More <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RdqSMYG-Dw_-NQFi7he9gfOBN1mqH_z-N2o-ESSR8I4t6AF6QjsX670hadeuIWdeJ7uOJat4VKrRWbRPLWEGmwkFb4odOGOHXf5eOVxFevJU-6T4yjlACAYc4PWkApr7d-pO1kOTauYuUnSGZp-eqclU5LSifJC4qACrmvNBKAjB5HboFT99-yflgSa7VplblwqwuXmgZRYhOSBrWYYtVG_uG99yqTLjJIDw11dF7w=&c=w_wl9y3EPeSb_ugf6hLxzmKsYBqLnOn0K1Czz-KJ5teRehXW_j8ipA==&ch=ChjMobusPBrDNVjkPE1pxDykdndfjisi2NeC2iaO6J8wdAPJr6kKCBg==>](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RdqSMYG-Dw_-NQFi7he9gfOBN1mqH_z-N2o-ESSR8I4t6AF6QjsX670hadeuIWdeJ7uOJat4VKrRWbRPLWEGmwkFb4odOGOHXf5eOVxFevJU-6T4yjlACAYc4PWkApr7d-pO1kOTauYuUnSGZp-eqclU5LSifJC4qACrmvNBKAjB5HboFT99-yflgSa7VplblwqwuXmgZRYhOSBrWYYtVG_uG99yqTLjJIDw11dF7w=&c=w_wl9y3EPeSb_ugf6hLxzmKsYBqLnOn0K1Czz-KJ5teRehXW_j8ipA==&ch=ChjMobusPBrDNVjkPE1pxDykdndfjisi2NeC2iaO6J8wdAPJr6kKCBg==>)

A Storm Consequence - Gamecocks Move Game

You know the situation in the Capitol City is difficult when the conditions force the USC Gamecocks to move their Saturday home football game to the home of their opponent, LSU, in Baton Rouge. University officials decided the storm relief efforts in the Columbia area were too great to host the game in the city. [Read more <http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RdqSMYG-Dw_-NQFi7he9gfOBN1mqH_z-N2o-ESSR8I4t6AF6QjsX670hadeuIWdTYjyCKenP853zH3I066bKQVJrry8SXwHXoLb3Gt3dcKd07TvcYXEHziqIVPq8GVdsecG9qwnFz_j7Fv_vxJJ92o82fB4r_Ue4waGk8ZcHmyWD2hgzLe-im0rraO6qHYugw6JsKzhVOgEFXjLHyBsAY3XvOksPK_RACaHVp7Vlp1KjNJmulqtXw==&c=w_wl9y3EPeSb_ugf6hLxzmKsYBqLnOn0K1Czz-KJ5teRehXW_j8ipA==&ch=ChjMobusPBrDNVjkPE1pxDykdndfjisi2NeC2iaO6J8w](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001RdqSMYG-Dw_-NQFi7he9gfOBN1mqH_z-N2o-ESSR8I4t6AF6QjsX670hadeuIWdTYjyCKenP853zH3I066bKQVJrry8SXwHXoLb3Gt3dcKd07TvcYXEHziqIVPq8GVdsecG9qwnFz_j7Fv_vxJJ92o82fB4r_Ue4waGk8ZcHmyWD2hgzLe-im0rraO6qHYugw6JsKzhVOgEFXjLHyBsAY3XvOksPK_RACaHVp7Vlp1KjNJmulqtXw==&c=w_wl9y3EPeSb_ugf6hLxzmKsYBqLnOn0K1Czz-KJ5teRehXW_j8ipA==&ch=ChjMobusPBrDNVjkPE1pxDykdndfjisi2NeC2iaO6J8w)

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Aiken County Recovery [_<http://files.ctctcdn.com/b7e9246d001/ab854519-fffa-4fc7-979c-427967832229.jpg>](http://files.ctctcdn.com/b7e9246d001/ab854519-fffa-4fc7-979c-427967832229.jpg)

Even though Aiken County's damage was less than Columbia's, the eastern portion of the county was the most affected. The full extent of the damage can't be ascertained until the water fully recedes and that may be 7 to 10 days. Kudos go to the many volunteer Fire Departments who have led the rescue and recovery efforts. Those men and women work tirelessly to serve their rural communities. Job well done!

Aiken County Has a BIG Heart!

Today provided more proof that Aiken County has a big and giving heart! The Aiken Area Red Cross set up at Kroger on Whiskey Road today to collect bottled water and monetary donations to help flood victims. The two-day goal was to fill one semi-trailer with water. That goal was met and DOUBLED in seven hours! Because of individual generosity, 100,000 bottles of water filled two semi-trailers! Helping lift and stack the bottles was Coach Kenny Thomas and the USCA baseball team. The Red Cross will continue to collect much-needed monetary donations tomorrow at Kroger from 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Road Closings Aiken County

Here's the latest update on Aiken County road closings:

*(** denotes state roads * denotes county roads)*

- **Corinth Church RD at Hollow Creek RD to Orangeburg County Line (Salley Area. All lanes blocked both ways. Closed due to flooding)
- *Crim Hydrick RD from 3PM02 to .5 miles from SC 302 (Wagener Area)
- *Cumbee Trail RD from Clayton RD to Kedron Church RD (Monetta Area)
- *Harness RD from Grady Pond RD to Poplar Springs RD (Wagener Area)
- *Holder RD closed approximately .5 miles from Huckleberry Finn RD toward the County Line (Batesburg-Leesville Area)
- **Hollow Creek Road from Orangeburg County Line to Corinth Church RD (Salley Area. All lanes blocked both ways. Closed due to flooding. TREE ACROSS THE BRIDGE DECK AND OFFSET OF PILE CAPS.)
- *Hoover RD between Walter Poole RD and Rocky Grove RD (Salley Area. Remains closed.)
- **Huckleberry Finn RD at Goose Platter RD to the Lexington County Line (Batesburg-Leesville Area. All lanes blocked both ways. Closed due to flooding)
- *J E Poole RD from Hollow Creek RD to Topper ST (Salley Area)
- *Koala Bear RD from Dairy Barn RD to Gunter Pond RD (Monetta Area)
- **Mt. Ebal RD SC 391 to one mile North (Batesburg-Leesville Area. All lanes blocked both ways. Closed due to flooding)

- *Nantuckett RD from Hollow Creek RD .3 Miles North (Salley Area)
- *Old Chalk Bed RD from North Fork RD to SCDOT Bridge (Batesburg-Leesville Area; Bridge is almost washed out.)
- **Old Shoal RD from US 1 to Mt. Pleasant RD (Monetta Area. All lanes blocked both ways. Closed due to flooding. BRIDGE SLAB FAILING AND WASHING OUT.)
- *Sugar Pine RD completely shut down from Coleman Bridge RD to Kennedy Pond RD (Wagener Area; completely shut down)
- *Williams Busbee RD from Holiness Church RD to .25 Miles North (Wagener Area)

Roads that are Now Confirmed Passable

- *Arcola St from Poinsetta RD to South Dixie RD
- *Holly Pond RD from Ready Pond RD to Wishbone RD
- *Hutto Pond RD from Ready Pond RD to Migrant Camp RD
- *Iva RD (NEW!)
- *Jaybird RD from Millers Pond RD to Festival Trail RD
- *Jim Williamson SR RD (NEW!)

With dozens of roads out, a primary concern continues to be keeping people safe. Those who move a barricade or drive around one are risking their lives, because conditions can change rapidly and roads can disappear under the water.

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Map of Road Closings Statewide

Federal Financial Aid: Why Not Aiken County?

I have been asked why Aiken County was not included in the disaster declaration which will result in federal financial aid coming to SC. Eight SC counties were on the list signed by President Obama this week. and three more were added today.

As Gov. Haley stated, "The federal declaration was an extremely important first step in our recovery. We have now entered the largest recovery program our nation offers in an almost unprecedented time frame. What this allows us to do is to assess the damage of this storm in every single county and continue to add to the list of those eligible for this support - a list we know will grow."

Aiken County Administrator Clay Killian is tracking expenses so Aiken County can apply to be added to the list to qualify for the 75% federal reimbursement of storm costs. It is undetermined whether Aiken County will qualify for assistance to individuals.

Helpful Contacts

Due to recent flooding, here are some contact numbers to help with disaster