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### S.C. Flood Recovery News:

**WOLO:** Small business owners affected by flood urged to act now

<http://www.abccolumbia.com/news/local/Small-business-owners-affected-by-flood-urged-to-act-now-332596232.html>

Grace Joyal

Every pew in one Forest Acres church was filled on Tuesday night. Residents came out to hear directly from the agency heads managing how Richland County, and the state, will recover from historic flooding. This is the first time since Hurricane Hugo that many of the federal programs have been available to South Carolinians, and the process can be confusing.

**Note:** Governor Nikki Haley announced Monday that part of her goal this week will be getting small businesses started on the recovery process. The Department of Labor and Workforce is here to help you get back on track.

**WACH:** FEMA adds Newberry County for individual assistance

<http://wach.com/news/local/fema-actively-taking-applications-granted-over-34-million-for-relief-efforts>

Matthew Stevens

FEMA is actively assessing and taking applications from residents all over the state of South Carolina. Thursday night FEMA officials announced that Newberry County will be added to the list of counties that are eligible to apply for individual assistance. To date, 20 counties are eligible to receive individual assistance from FEMA.

**Note:** Governor Nikki Haley is adamant that more counties will be added and that anyone who suffered property damage from the flooding should start the registration process with FEMA.

**Greenville News:** FEMA aid available to Greenwood County flood victims

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/13/fema-aid-available-greenwood-county-flood-victims/73871862/>

Amanda Coyne

Greenwood County residents affected by early October flooding are qualified to register for disaster assistance with FEMA. Greenwood County is the only Upstate county eligible. Those residents affected by the flood can register by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362), going to [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov) or going to the FEMA disaster recovery center in Columbia.

**Post and Courier:** Lowcountry growers could face the next flood with crop insurance

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151014/PC1206/151019722>

Hanna Raskin

When this month's record rainfall finally let up, John Warren of Spade and Clover Gardens ventured into his squishy Dirt Works Incubator Farm plot to inspect the damage. Sidestepping patches of muddy ground that voraciously inhaled booted-feet and spewed out water, he discovered taro was thriving in the same conditions that annihilated his fellow Johns Island farmers' broccoli, carrots, kale, bell peppers and tomatoes. But the looks of his turmeric and ginger unsettled him.

**Post and Courier:** Flood rescues put big demand on fire departments

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151013/PC16/151019968>

Diane Knich, Prentiss Findlay

Water rescues, dangerous roads and flood-victim relief kept area first responders running at full tilt during the peak of the rains. The Charleston Fire Department had staffers working up to 36 hours straight responding to a deluge of calls, said Mark Davis, chief of special operations. People trapped in their homes or vehicles because of floodwaters needed help, he said.

**WIS:** FEMA representatives, state officials hold meeting to answer disaster assistance questions

<http://www.wistv.com/story/30255021/fema-representatives-state-officials-hold-meeting-to-answer-disaster-assistance-questions>

Inquiring minds filled Forest Lake Presbyterian Church on Tuesday with lots of questions about every aspect of the flood recovery process. The meeting, hosted by Sen. Joel Lourie and Rep. Beth Bernstein, featured several agencies that were on hand to offer help and guidance on matters that residents had questions about.

**WLTX:** State Agencies Answer Flood Questions During Forum

<http://www.wltx.com/story/news/local/2015/10/13/state-agencies-answer-flood-questions-during-forum/73908210/>

Loren Thomas

To help, State Senator Joel Lourie and Richland Representative Beth Bernstein held a forum for flood victims. "The waters have receded, the sun has come out and now we all have to rebuild our lives, our homes and our communities," says Senator Lourie.

**Sumter Item:** County preparing for disaster recovery

<http://theitem.com/stories/county-preparing-for-disaster-recovery,256098?>

Adrienne Sarvis

Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon gave an update on Federal Emergency Management Agency activity and storm recovery in the county during Sumter County Council's meeting Tuesday. Mixon said the city and county signed a memorandum of understanding with South Carolina Department of Transportation for debris pickup.

**Sun News:** National non-profit giving flooded Andrews residents a helping hand

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article38997789.html>

Claire Byun

Crystal McCutcheon's spinal problems were affecting her ability to help her family clean up all the flood damage from her Andrews home. The floodwaters seeped into her home business, Triple Stitch Deziigns, and have stalled her income for a few days. Her husband Brian was working to get the business back up and running, so "Cindy has something else to focus on," he said.

**Sun News:** Horry, Georgetown officials drop OPCON levels but remain on alert in flood's aftermath

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article38956314.html#storylink=cpy>

Elizabeth Townsend

Emergency preparedness officials have downgraded OPCON levels as the sun came out and the rain let up this week, but everyone is still on alert while dealing with the historic flood's aftermath. Horry County officials said they have from OPCON 1 to OPCON 2 on Monday, meaning flooding continues to pose a serious threat, but the situation is stabilizing.

**Governor Nikki Haley News:**

**Aiken Standard:** S.C. texting and driving law has little impact on Aiken County, state

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151014/AIK0102/151019682/1004/sc-texting-and-driving-law-has-little-impact-on-aiken-county-state>

Tripp Girardeau

The fairly new law which makes it illegal to text and drive in South Carolina has been in effect for about a year now, but is having little impact in Aiken County so far. S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley signed the law into effect for the state in June 2014, but Aiken County law enforcement agencies have not had much luck enforcing it.

**S.C. Political News:**

**Greenville News:** Trump rally moved to larger venue in Anderson

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/politics/2015/10/06/trump-headed-anderson/73479510/>

Rudolph Bell

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is headed back to the Upstate, this time to Anderson. The New York billionaire is scheduled to appear at the Anderson Civic Center at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, according to his South Carolina campaign. The event had been scheduled for T.L. Hanna High School in

Anderson, but the campaign said Tuesday it had to be moved to a larger forum because of "overwhelming interest."

**The State:** Clinton scores strong in debate, still her race to lose

<http://www.thestate.com/news/nation-world/national/article39021606.html>

David Lightman

Bernie Sanders' mission Tuesday was to broaden his appeal beyond liberal Democrats and come across as a potential president. He didn't, and the Democratic race for the White House remains Hillary Clinton's to lose.

**S.C. General Assembly News:**

<http://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/politics-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article38926314.html#storylink=cpy>

Jamie Self

The leader of the state Senate said Tuesday he will not ask lawmakers to return to Columbia for an emergency session to address the historic flooding that struck the state this month. Instead, legislators will return to work as scheduled in January faced with a new top priority – considering ways to help fix damage caused by that flooding, said state Senate President Pro Tempore Hugh Leatherman.

**Associated Press:** Senate leader says no need for special session on flooding

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bWt06SZk](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=bWt06SZk)

The leader of the South Carolina Senate says there's no need for a special session of the Legislature to deal with flooding, since officials do not have estimates on the extent of the problems. Republican Sen. Hugh Leatherman of Florence told multiple media that lawmakers will have a better idea of what is needed when they return to the Statehouse in January for their regular session.

**S.C. Federal Delegation News:**

**WYFF:** Exclusive: Trey Gowdy goes on the record

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/exclusive-trey-gowdy-goes-on-the-record/35803218>

U.S. Rep. Trey Gowdy talks exclusively in the WYFF News 4 studio to an NBC producer about a wide-ranging list of topics, including the findings of the House Select Committee on Benghazi, the committee's fired staffer and the search for a new House Speaker.

**Greenville News:** Rep. Duncan praises Pickens County career center, sees opportunity in Speaker controversy

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/13/rep-duncan-praises-pickens-county-career-center-sees-opportunity-speaker-controversy/73891426/>

Ron Barnett

U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan gave high praise to the Pickens County School District's career center and fielded questions about the controversy over filling the Speaker of the House position during a visit to the county Tuesday. After meeting with constituents at Six Mile Town Hall, the 3rd District congressman toured the Pickens County Career & Technology Center, where students learn skills that prepare them for jobs in local industry.

**Florence Morning News:** Congressman offering mobile office in Johnsonville to assist with disaster aid

[http://www.scnw.com/news/article\\_7943c2d4-71ad-11e5-986d-0ba86d2283c2.html](http://www.scnw.com/news/article_7943c2d4-71ad-11e5-986d-0ba86d2283c2.html)

During this meeting, Congressman Rice's staff will be available to provide information and answer questions regarding FEMA's Disaster Declaration, how to apply for FEMA and SBA funding, types of resources available from FEMA and SBA disaster programs, and other resources for individuals and businesses following the flood.

**South Carolina News:**

**Associated Press:** State wants to prosecute Charleston church shooting first

[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ywctg0oC](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=Ywctg0oC)

Bruce Smith

South Carolina wants to go to trial before the federal government in the Charleston church shootings as it seeks the death penalty for Dylann Roof. "That is our preference," state prosecutor Scarlett Wilson wrote in

a letter late last week to U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel, who is presiding over the federal case. "I appreciate any consideration you may give us in this regard."

**Greenville News:** Up to 200 more jobs coming from Bausch & Lomb

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/money/business/2015/10/13/up-200-more-jobs-coming-bosch-lomb/73860962/>

Rudolph Bell

Bausch & Lomb surprised local officials Tuesday by announcing plans to spend \$150 million and hire as many as 200 people expanding its contact lens solution plant in Greenville and related distribution center.

#### **Local News:**

**Sun News:** Thad Viers' attorney expects former state lawmaker to be sentenced next week

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article38919432.html#storylink=cpy>

Charles D. Perry

Former state lawmaker Thad Viers may finally learn his punishment for money laundering next week. Viers, 37, is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 20 at the McMillan Federal Building in Florence, according to recently filed court records. He pleaded guilty in April to the money laundering charge, which carries up to 10 years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine.

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