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S.C. Flood Recovery News:

Associated Press: Despite sunny forecast, South Carolina ordeal far from over

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

<http://abc7chicago.com/weather/more-south-carolina-flooding-possible-in-as-water-moves-to-coast/1019225/>

http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2015/10/this_is_not_over_says_sc_gover.html

<http://onlineathens.com/breaking-news/2015-10-06/despite-sunny-forecast-south-carolina-ordeal-far-over>

<http://www.wset.com/story/30194264/the-latest-11th-storm-related-death-in-south-carolina>

<http://www.usnews.com/news/us/articles/2015/10/06/despite-sunny-forecast-south-carolina-ordeal-far-from-over>

<http://www.newser.com/article/de38b617c233441d9adc167985523424/despite-improving-forecast-south-carolina-ordeal-far-from-over-after-historic-floods.html>

<http://hamptonroads.com/2015/10/sunshine-expected-south-carolina-flooding-ordeal-far-over>

Jeffrey Collins, Emery P. Dalesio

South Carolina was expecting sunshine Tuesday after days of inundation, but it will still take weeks for the state to return to normal after being pummeled by a historic rainstorm. Even as the rain tapered off, officials warned of the likelihood of new evacuations - such as one ordered Monday afternoon in one of two towns east of downtown Columbia where two dams were breached.

Note: "This is not over. Just because the rain stops does not mean that we are out of the woods," Gov. Nikki Haley said Monday.

Associated Press: 'Fire hose' of moisture slams South Carolina; 12 killed

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

http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/national_world/2015/10/06/hugo-level-event.html

<http://www.newser.com/article/52c5d73b656c44c8b5bfe3dd9afb3fc9/south-carolina-dodges-a-hurricane-but-still-gets-slammed-by-epic-rainstorm-death-toll-at-12.html>

Seanna Adcox, Jeffrey Collins

People across South Carolina got an object lesson Monday in how you can dodge a hurricane and still get hammered. Authorities struggled to get water to communities swamped by it, and with waterlogged dams overflowing, bridges collapsing, hundreds of roads inundated and floodwaters rolling down to the coast, the state was anything but done with this disaster.

Note: South Carolina authorities mostly switched Monday from search and rescue into "assessment and recovery mode," but Gov. Nikki Haley warned citizens to remain careful as a "wave" of water swelled downstream and dams had to be opened to prevent catastrophic failures above low-lying neighborhoods near the capital.

Note: "South Carolina has gone through a storm of historic proportions," Haley said. "Just because the rain stops, does not mean that we are out of the woods."

WMBF: Haley: 'We're stronger today than we were yesterday.'

<http://www.wmbfnews.com/story/30187368/haley-were-stronger-today-than-we-were-yesterday>

Patrick Phillips

Gov. Nikki Haley said South Carolina is not out of the woods yet as rain for many areas tapered off and floodwaters were receding Monday. Haley said additional evacuations are possible as flooding drains and move south through the state after a historic rain event.

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."

Post and Courier: Obama OKs federal funding for certain S.C. residents, governments affected by flood

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC16/151009637>

Melissa Boughton

President Barack Obama on Monday declared part of the state a disaster area and ordered federal funding to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the area affected by severe storms and flooding since Thursday and continuing, according to a statement from the White House.

Note: Governor Nikki Haley said the declaration was "an extremely important first step" in the state's recovery.

Note: "We have now entered the largest recovery program our nation offers in an almost unprecedented timeframe," she said. "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."

Note: "The people of South Carolina have my commitment: at the end of this process every county and every person will have access to every resource we can get them," Haley said.

Greenville News: 'A catastrophe of incredible proportion'

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

Tim Smith

President Barack Obama has declared portions of South Carolina a major disaster area in the wake of a storm system that dumped historic levels of rain from the coast to the Midlands, killing nine people and leaving a large swath of South Carolina damaged.

Note: "We have now entered the largest recovery program our nation offers in an almost unprecedented timeframe," Gov. Nikki Haley said in response. "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."

Note: The governor also asked that individuals who have suffered damage from the storm to inventory the damage for the federal aid process.

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USA Today: South Carolina floods: Death toll rises to 10 in unrelenting storm

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/10/05/unrelenting-rains-hammer-besieged-south-carolina/73365878/>

John Bacon

The death toll rose to 10, and millions of South Carolinians remained homebound Monday as state emergency officials grappled with catastrophic flooding following days of historic rains. Authorities also reported two storm-related deaths in North Carolina.

Note: "We are stronger today than we were yesterday," Gov. Nikki Haley said at a news conference Monday, adding, "This is not over. Just because the rain stops does not mean that we are out of the woods."

Note: Haley said 550 roads and bridges were closed Monday. About 40,000 residences were without water, but many thousands more were dealing with a boil order. About 26,000 had no power, she said.

New York Times: End to Rain Is in Sight, but Floods Will Persist in South Carolina

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/10/06/us/south-carolina-flooding.html?_r=1

Richard Fausset, Alan Blinder

The South Carolinians walked along the bridge over the Congaree River, hoods up against the pelting rain, their heads cast downward to marvel at the red-brown water churning violently below them. They had never seen the river so turbid. They had never seen it rise like this, up near the tips of the light poles of the river walk park that meanders along its western bank.

Note: Water main ruptures and other problems had left about 40,000 people without water on Monday, Gov. Nikki R. Haley said. Dams had burst and homes had been submerged and ruined, especially in and around Columbia, the state capital.

Note: But Ms. Haley, in an early afternoon news conference, warned that South Carolina's desperate time could be prolonged by record amounts of rain that had already fallen in much of the state, and must now flow toward the ocean.

CNN: South Carolina flooding: 'We have lost everything'

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/05/us/south-carolina-east-coast-rain-flood/>

Michael Pearson, Holly Yan, Joe Sutton

The rains may have stopped in South Carolina, but the danger and the work to rebuild are far from over. "I believe that things will get worse before they get better," Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin told reporters Monday. "Eventually the floods will abate, but then we have to access the damage, and I anticipate that damage will probably be in the billions of dollars, and we're going to have to work to rebuild."

Note: Haley said more evacuations are likely as floodwaters rise in spots, and authorities warned of the danger of roads that look OK on the surface but that may have been undermined by raging waters.

Note: Haley said county officials would make decisions about closing their offices, and the state would follow suit in those locations. She said private businesses are not required to follow those decisions, but she encouraged them to do so.

Post and Courier: 11 die in SC flooding; federal disaster declared in some counties

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

Andrew Knapp

A flood unlike any other in South Carolina history has killed 11 people and left scores homeless, but as Lowcountry rivers and creeks rose Monday, the threat was far from over.

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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."

Charleston Business Journal: Haley: S.C. moving from response to assessment

<http://charlestonbusiness.com/news/55846-haley-s-c-moving-from-response-to-assessment>

Ashley Heffernan

As the torrential rainfall from this weekend starts to leave South Carolina, state officials are transitioning from response mode to assessment mode. Nine weather-related fatalities occurred over the weekend, according to Gov. Nikki Haley, who held a news conference this morning to discuss the state's plan going forward.

Note: "The traffic is light. People are off the roads. They have really listened. But those that didn't listen, this is dangerous. This is very real," Haley said.

Note: "As the water shifts down, we're going to preposition where the roads are closed. So roads are closed now in the Upstate. You're going to start to see road closures down from the Midlands down to the Lowcountry as that water flows," Haley said. "So don't be surprised. If there's a road that's open now, that doesn't mean it's going to stay open. You're probably going to see some roads closed."

WYFF: SC flooding: 11 deaths, 322 roads closed, 40,000 without water, roads still closed

<http://www.wyff4.com/news/building-collapses-in-columbia-numerous-roads-flooded/35646664>

President Barack Obama has signed a disaster declaration for South Carolina. The president's action on Monday makes federal funding available to people in Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland, and Williamsburg counties. To read more specifics on the declaration, click here.

Note: "Tonight's 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 timeframe. 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. "The people of South Carolina have my commitment: At the end of this process every county and every person will have access to every resource we can get them. This will not be a short or easy recovery, but we will get through it, and get through it together," Haley said.

CNN: South Carolina flooding: dams breached, more trouble ahead

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/06/us/south-carolina-flooding/>

Holly Yan

The rain may have stopped, but South Carolina is grappling with a host of new concerns: Dam breaks. Billions of dollars in damage. And rivers that still haven't crested yet. Here's the latest on the mammoth flooding tormenting the region:

Dam breaks: At least nine dams have breached or failed in South Carolina since Saturday, the state's emergency management agency said early Tuesday.

Note: South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley said more evacuations are likely as flood waters rise in some places.

The State: Day after the SC flood: More dams breached

<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: At least 11 people statewide have died in storm-related accidents since Gov. Nikki Haley declared an emergency late Thursday.

The State: Power restored to thousands in Lexington, Richland counties; 19 dams breached statewide

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37924887.html#storylink=cpy>

No rain showers are in the forecast for Columbia area residents after days of rains and flooding across the state. "Finally, today is going to be dry," National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Proud said Tuesday morning. The highest rainfall in Richland County was an estimated 20.86 inches of rain near Forest Acres counted through 8 a.m. on Monday.

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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.

Note: Gov. Nikki Haley called the three-day storm a once in a 1,000-year event, and has called out the National Guard to assist in search and rescue missions.

Post and Courier: Historic, 1,000-year flood 'like nothing South Carolina has ever seen'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC16/151009658>

David Slade

South Carolina's record-smashing days of rain created a 1,000-year flood event that scientists may be studying for years, caused by a confluence of weather events. Some parts of the Charleston area received twice as much rain as Hurricane Hugo dropped in 1989, though mercifully without hurricane winds or a storm surge.

Rock Hill Herald: Rock Hill-based National Guard troops activated for flood assistance

<http://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/article37787007.html>

Andrew Dys

With York, Chester and Lancaster counties being spared from the rain and flooding that have devastated the Midlands and Lowcountry, emergency resources from this area have deployed to parts of the state that took direct hits from the deadly weather.

Greenville News: Columbia residents begin to pick up the pieces

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2015/10/05/columbia-residents-begin-pick-pieces/73415058/>

Resilient Columbia residents returned to their homes and businesses Monday to pick up what was left after historic floods swept through Saturday and Sunday. Cheryl Stevenson had waded through waist-high water in the dark early Sunday morning to escape her quickly flooding duplex on the bank of a creek in the Forest Acres community.

Greenville News: JL Mann graduate died in Columbia flood

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/2015/10/05/jl-mann-graduate-died-columbia-flood-alexandria-holmes/73376490/>

Romando Dixon

A Greenville native died in the flooding in Columbia, her family said. Alexandria Holmes, 24, died Sunday morning in her vehicle, said Cathy Christy, the mother of Holmes' stepfather. Holmes, a graduate of J.L. Mann High School, was caught in a flash flood, Christy said.

Sun News: Floods don't stop some Myrtle Beach tourists, others still unsure about trips

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/business/tourism/article37867356.html#storylink=cpy>

Angela Nicholas

Rainy weather and flooded roads did not stop some tourists from following through on plans to vacation at the beach this past weekend but road conditions through several states still have tourists concerned. A group of businesswomen, determined to get to the beach for some much needed relaxation, drove through pouring rain Saturday all the way from Ashland, Ky., to get their vacation started.

Note: Dorsey said she had been listening to Gov. Nikki Haley on TV and had been monitoring the DOT websites about flooding, downed trees and damaged bridges across South Carolina.

Note: "The other scary thing," she said, "is where is all that water from Columbia going when it has to move downstream toward the ocean."

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The State: Columbia can't say when safe water will be restored

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37791075.html>

Clif LeBlanc

City employees are installing boulders as they work to repair a dike break at Columbia's downtown canal and water plant, while others are trying to find all the breaks in water lines that feed the capital city and rural Lower Richland in the aftermath of historic floods.

Note: WalMart has given 80,000 bottles of water to the state, Gov. Nikki Haley said during a noon briefing. Haley said four water distribution centers will be open in the Columbia area by Monday afternoon. Another six will open Tuesday. "There's going to be plenty of water," Haley said.

Post and Courier: Rising water in Midlands increases threat of flooding in Lowcountry rivers

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC16/151009643>

Deanna Pan, Melissa Boughton

The forecast calls for clearer skies, but the Lowcountry isn't out of the storm — at least not yet. The threat of flooded rivers, impassable roads and inundated homes has increased in the days ahead due to swelling waters in the Midlands.

The State: Gills Creek's quiet network of lakes and streams brings flood deaths

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article37887327.html#storylink=cpy>

John Monk

The Gills Creek watershed's 70-mile winding network of normally calm lakes, dams and placid streams turned killer Sunday, when its rising waters trapped two Columbia motorists in their vehicles a mile apart and swept them to their deaths.

Post and Courier: Many still stranded in Berkeley County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC16/151009650>

Brenda Rindge

Many travelers heading down the East Coast's main highway this weekend found themselves on flooded back roads of northern Berkeley County. With a 70-mile stretch of Interstate 95 closed due to the flooding, folks not familiar with the area turned to their GPS systems to help them find an alternate route.

TIME: Why 'Once-In-A-Lifetime' Flooding Keeps Happening

<http://time.com/4061371/south-carolina-flooding-climate-change/>

Justin Worland

At least nine people have died in flooding across South Carolina that has left city streets submerged in water, destroyed homes and closed more than 100 bridges. Nikki Haley, the state's governor, described the disaster as one of such an epic scale that science suggests it would only occur once every 1,000 years.

Aiken Standard: Edisto River runoff impacts Aiken County, Lexington County residents

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151005/AIK0101/151009706/1121>

Derrek Asberry

Less than a quarter of a mile from the Aiken County line, Lexington County resident Norman Courtney said it would take a boat to get to his front door because of the 14 inches of water surrounding his house. The bottom of the house, located just a few yards away from North Edisto Bridge on Highway 113, is sitting in runoff water from the northern part of the Edisto River.

Note: After President Barack Obama validated S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley's state of emergency declaration Saturday, the Palmetto State suffered historic flooding numbers.

Cola Daily: Columbia mayor expects damages of more than \$1 billion from floods

<http://coladaily.com/2015/10/05/columbia-mayor-expects-damages-1-billion-floods/>

Allen Wallace

Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin said he expects the situation in the city to "get worse before it gets better" and that he expects damages of more than \$1 billion dollars once all is said and done. "We've got a long way to go, guys," Benjamin said Monday. "Some people's lives as they know them will never be the same."

Aiken Standard: The Latest: Several roads remain closed throughout Aiken County

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151005/AIK0101/151009704/1004/several-roads-remain-closed-throughout-aiken-county>

Dan Brown

Several Aiken County roads remain closed due to flooding, being washed out, or other obstructions due to the weekend weather and heavy rainfall. Aiken County Emergency Services Director Tommy Thompson has advised county residents not to venture into flooding areas or standing water.

Index-Journal: Some damage may not be covered

<http://indexjournal.com/news/Some-damage-may-not-be-covered>

Mary Kate McGowan

Taking calls at home throughout the weekend, Coyle said he was surprised by the small number of claims filed Monday relative to storm damage. With about four auto claims and 10 homeowner claims resulting from fallen trees, he said most people have called him about water damage, which he cannot help much with as flood insurance and homeowner insurance are different things.

S.C. Federal Delegation News:

CNN: Graham opposed Sandy aid but wants help in South Carolina

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/05/politics/lindsey-graham-flooding-federal-aid/>

Eric Bradner

Sen. Lindsey Graham is asking for federal aid for his home state of South Carolina as it battles raging floods, but he voted to oppose similar help for New Jersey in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in 2013. "Let's just get through this thing, and whatever it costs, it costs," Graham told CNN's Wolf Blitzer on "The Situation Room" on Monday of the devastating floods in his home state.

Post and Courier: U.S. Sen. Tim Scott praises 'power of the press'

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151005/PC1603/151009648>

Allison Prang

The water was "nearly up to your hips," U.S. Sen. Tim Scott said of the flooding in North Charleston. But he and the mayor of North Charleston weren't observing the wet streets by their lonesome.

Opinion / Editorial Roundup:

The State: SC deluge touched us all, even if we escaped the worst of it

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article37816443.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scope

THE RAINWATER pooled on my front sidewalk Sunday morning, just as it does every time we get a heavy rain. Two miles away, it swallowed up entire cars, collapsed buildings, flooded businesses and took at least one life.

Note: We can be grateful to the public officials, from Gov. Nikki Haley and Adjutant General Bob Livingston to sheriffs and police chiefs and mayors and council members and city managers, who offered calm but firm warnings, who put in place curfews and called on schools and businesses to close in order to, in Gov. Haley's words, "give us the space that we need" to begin to put the state back together.

Post and Courier: Rising to flood's challenge

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151006/PC1002/151009630>

Editorial

Catastrophic rainstorms like this one happen only every thousand years, climate and weather experts explained as unprecedented flooding forced people out of their homes, closed roads and submerged stalled vehicles. One can only hope that assessment holds true.

Note: It was, as Gov. Nikki Haley said, "a storm of historic proportions."

Aiken Standard: Working to rebound after costly flooding

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151005/AIK0201/151009732>

Editorial

Our state has experienced a rainfall that's worse than anyone seems to remember. As South Carolina continues to recover from the catastrophic damage, the network of support has been evident with so many working to help rebuild. This is in some ways similar to the winter storms that struck the state last year.

Note: While floodwaters start to recede, S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley said on Monday that the state's resources would be shifting to assessment of the damage and recovery.

Greenville News: Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster: South Carolina proud of Graham

<http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/contributors/2015/10/05/lt-gov-henry-mcmaster-south-carolina-proud-graham/73400884/>

Lt. Gov. Henry McMaster

Recently, I was reminded of one of many reasons we can be proud of South Carolina: the high quality of the men and women we send to Washington to represent us. At the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley in the Republican Presidential Debate, Lindsey Graham stole the show.

Index-Journal: Some doing more than just their jobs

<http://indexjournal.com/opinion/editorial/Some-doing-more-than-just-their-jobs>

Editorial

This past weekend, South Carolina was hit with one of the worst storms in its recorded history. As one of The Weather Channel broadcasters put it, it was as if someone held a giant fire hose off the coast and aimed it clear across the state. Of course, it's not over.

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