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### S.C. Flood Recovery News:

**Associated Press:** Round 2: Downstream South Carolina towns brace for flooding  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IORmMqyE](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=IORmMqyE)

Bruce Smith

Along South Carolina's coast, residents were preparing for a second round of flooding as rivers swollen from days of devastating rains make their way toward the Atlantic. And in the Columbia area, where some have started to return home to assess damage and clean up, the threat of more flooding still hadn't lifted.

Note: Residents are concerned there may be more flooding on the Black and Waccamaw rivers - two waterways cited as worrisome by Gov. Nikki Haley. Both drain into Georgetown County.

**Note:** After taking an aerial tour of damaged areas on Tuesday, Haley said that while the sunshine was a good sign, the state still needs to be cautious. "We are going to be extremely careful. We are watching this minute by minute," she said. She said evacuations may be needed toward the coast because of rivers swollen from the storm, which has killed 15 in South Carolina and claimed two lives in North Carolina.

**Note:** Haley said it was too soon to estimate the damage statewide. She said it could be "any amount of dollars." The Republican governor quickly got a federal disaster declaration from President Barack Obama, freeing up money and resources.

**The State:** THE LATEST: Residents around Beaver Dam told to immediately seek shelter, imminent failure of Beaver Dam

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38054283.html#storylink=cpy>

South Carolina Emergency Management officials said Wednesday morning said the Beaver Dam is in imminent danger of failing. Scott Hawkins, a SCEMD spokesman, said officials aren't sure when they dam is expected to fail, but "it's beyond salvaging."

**Associated Press:** South Carolina cleans up, but worries remain amid floods  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jgUnCWSx](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=jgUnCWSx)

Jay Reeves, Emery P. Dalesio

The family of Miss South Carolina 1954 found her flood-soaked pageant scrapbook on a dining room floor littered with dead fish on Tuesday, as the first sunny day in nearly two weeks provided a chance to clean up from historic floods.

**Note:** Of particular concern was the Lowcountry, where the Santee, Edisto and other rivers make their way to the sea. Gov. Nikki Haley warned that several rivers were rising and had yet to reach their peaks.

**Note:** "God smiled on South Carolina because the sun is out. That is a good sign, but ... we still have to be cautious," Haley said Tuesday after taking an aerial tour. "What I saw was disturbing."

**Associated Press:** The Latest: 1,000 residents near dam told to evacuate  
[http://m.apnews.com/ap/db\\_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rCTC42di](http://m.apnews.com/ap/db_268748/contentdetail.htm?contentguid=rCTC42di)

Authorities are ordering people living near a compromised dam in the Columbia area to evacuate immediately. The South Carolina Emergency Management Division said Wednesday morning that people living in the area that surrounds the Beaver Dam in the Wildewood area should leave their homes now.

**Reuters:** Eleven dead in historic South Carolina rains and flooding  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/10/06/us-usa-weather-floods-idUSKCN0RZ1UD20151006>

Greg Lacour

Floodwaters from unprecedented rainfall in South Carolina have killed 11 people, closed some 550 roads and bridges and prompted hundreds of rescues of people trapped in homes and cars, officials said on Monday.

**Note:** Governor Nikki Haley warned residents to remain on alert as rain continued to fall in some of the

hardest-hit areas, including the state capital, Columbia, which saw its wettest days on record over the weekend.

**Note:** "This is not over," Haley said at news conference. "There's still a lot of water out there."

**Manning Live:** Haley: Still use an abundance of caution when traveling

<http://manninglive.com/2015/10/07/haley-still-use-an-abundance-of-caution-when-traveling/>

Robert Joseph Baker

Gov. Nikki Haley cautioned folks Tuesday that, although the sun is out and the waters are receding, that they should still be cautious and stay home if they can.

**Note:** "Do not attempt to drive through or remove barricades," she said. "As we move from first response mode to assessment and recovery mode, we are still encouraging people to be cautious and stay home."

**Note:** "Many utility workers are actively working to restore power and water, and DSS workers are staffing more than 30 shelters throughout our state," she said. "We continue to lift up and celebrate our first responders and crew members working all hours to keep us safe."

**The State:** Floods, rain expose SC's flawed dam safety program

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38043186.html>

Sammy Fretwell

Recent heavy rains and floods across South Carolina that broke multiple dams and destroyed hundreds — if not thousands — of homes have turned a spotlight on the state's dam safety program. South Carolina has for years had one of the nation's weakest dam safety programs, consistently ranking near the bottom of rankings in federal and state government reports.

**Note:** Tuesday afternoon, Gov. Nikki Haley was asked at a news conference if she would press the General Assembly to devote more state resources to dam safety.

**Note:** Haley said taking steps to reinforce dams is important. Improvements at the Lake Murray dam — a \$100-plus million venture to make it more earthquake proof and generally stronger — were a plus, she said.. "That's a perfect example of what needed to happen, and we are glad it happened."

**The State:** In wake of destruction, stories of knights and gladiators — and neighbors in jonboats

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38013477.html#storylink=cpy>

Sarah Ellis

As floodwaters rose and receded throughout the Columbia area, generosity rained down on those facing changed lives in the wake of unfathomable destruction. From beds to sleep in, water to drink and hands to clean and salvage, the people of the Midlands gave whatever they could Monday and Tuesday to help restore what the floods took away.

**WCSC:** High water moving downstream threatening Lowcountry

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30204056/high-water-moving-downstream-threatening-lowcountry>

Things are starting to return to normal in South Carolina after days of devastating rains, with the weather clearing and electricity largely restored. But some residents are still worried about a second round of flooding from rivers swollen by the deluge.

**Note:** South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley says the state is monitoring the situation closely and warns there may have to be evacuations from areas along the coast.

**Times and Democrat:** Rescue and Recovery

*Sunshine at last, but water woes continue to grow*

[http://thetandd.com/news/sunshine-at-last-but-water-woes-continue-to-grow/article\\_4ac5c3a7-4c2c-5809-9790-0ee8b3e6690f.html](http://thetandd.com/news/sunshine-at-last-but-water-woes-continue-to-grow/article_4ac5c3a7-4c2c-5809-9790-0ee8b3e6690f.html)

Gene Zaleski

All eyes in The T&D Region were on the Edisto and Congaree rivers Tuesday as flood waters continued to wreak havoc on area roads and homes. "We have been fortunate that we have not had any injuries or deaths at this point with the flash flooding and the amount of river flooding we have had," Orangeburg County Emergency Services Director Billy Staley said.

**Sun News:** Waccamaw River to crest Wednesday, extensive flooding predicted

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article38003580.html>

Audrey Hudson

The rapid water rising along the Waccamaw River has created an entirely different emergency than the flash flooding residents and first responders have experienced across Horry County in recent days. Most houses

by the river are on stilts so the majority of residents are expected to ride out the flood.

### **Local Flood Recovery News:**

**Post and Courier:** In Georgetown, flooding slow to fade

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151006/PC16/151009562>

Robert Behre

The heaviest rain here stopped days ago, but for those whose homes and businesses are along the river or in a low-lying area, the forecast calls for only more uncertainty. Tom Doran, whose family had to evacuate his flooded apartment right on the city's Harborwalk, was not taking anymore chances Tuesday morning, as he moved armfuls of dry clothes and other personal items into his car.

**The State:** Seven drown in Richland County floodwaters

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38046624.html>

Avery G. Wilks

Alex Holmes called a friend early Sunday morning in a panic, explaining over the phone that her car was filling with water and that she couldn't get out, said Peggy Souder, Holmes' grandmother. Souder said Holmes' friend advised her to roll down the windows and swim out, but Holmes frantically replied that the water had reached her car battery and her power windows wouldn't roll down.

**WCSC:** Berkeley Co. officials confident damage will qualify for FEMA aid

<http://www.live5news.com/story/30200210/berkeley-co-officials-confident-damage-will-qualify-for-fema-aid>

Patrick Phillips

Berkeley County's supervisor the damage the county sustained in historic flooding should qualify residents for federal aid once damage assessments are complete. FEMA assessment teams are on the way to Berkeley County, he said.

**The State:** Washed-out roads will reroute thousands of Richland drivers

<http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article38005617.html>

Cassie Cope

In Richland County, 84,575 drivers a day will be forced to take new routes after 13 roads and bridges washed out during flooding on Sunday and Monday. And those roads are just a small part of a much larger problem. Across the county, more than 100 roads and bridges were closed Tuesday because of flooding.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley advised drivers Tuesday to respect road closures. As the rain ended Tuesday and traffic picked up, more residents were driving. Some, she added, were ignoring road barriers, driving around them. "This is not safe," Haley said. "We want to make sure every bridge and every road that you put your car on is safe."

**Aiken Standard:** Federal aid for storm relief in Aiken County still up in the air

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151006/AIK0101/151009590/1004/federal-aid-for-storm-relief-in-aiken-county-still-up-in-the-air>

Dan Brown

Aiken County has not yet been included in the list of South Carolina counties eligible for federal financial assistance; but County officials plan to still assess and document their expenses to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA. Like several counties across the state, Aiken County received heavy rainfall throughout the weekend, which in turn flooded several neighborhoods and roads.

Note: S.C. Gov. Nikki Haley announced in a news conference Tuesday that the counties of Charleston, Dorchester, Georgetown, Horry, Lexington, Orangeburg, Richland and Williamsburg are on the list of areas eligible for federal aid.

**Note:** In a televised news conference, Haley called FEMA aid a matter of inclusion for counties affected. "This is about addition, not subtraction," Haley said. "Every county has the ability to add on to that list."

**Post and Courier:** Lowcountry river levels continue to rise; school bus routes canceled in Charleston County

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151007/PC16/151009536>

A flood warning remained in effect Wednesday morning for much of the Lowcountry, according to the National Weather Service. Moderate flooding was reported along the Edisto near Givhans Ferry as the river reached levels of more than 15 feet around 5 a.m., something meteorologist Carl Barnes said is rare for the river and hasn't occurred since 1993.

**Sun News:** Neighbors pitch in to help others during flood

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/news/local/article37993803.html>

Charles D. Perry

A shrill whistle pierced the quiet of Pitch Landing Road on Tuesday. “Y’all OK in there?” Matt Cribb yelled from his tiny green boat. “Y’all need a way out?” Cribb and buddy Blake Martin trolled the area searching for the stranded. They paused by homes that looked like islands amid the flooded Waccamaw River.

**Aiken Standard:** Flooding becoming costly for Aiken County farmers

<http://www.aikenstandard.com/article/20151006/AIK0101/151009580/1004/flooding-becoming-costly-for-aiken-county-farmers>

Derrek Asberry

Aiken County farmer Jamie Poole is estimating up to \$15,000 in fencing damages alone due to the flooding on his property on Hollow Creek Road about a mile from the Orangeburg County line. “Overall, we’re looking at hundreds of thousands of dollars in damages,” Poole said. “It’s terrible.” Poole specializes in hay and livestock – a job he holds in addition to his duties as a welding instructor at Swansea High School.

## **Opinion / Editorial Roundup:**

**Sun News:** First responders, including volunteers, deserve gratitude

<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/opinion/editorials/article37980525.html>

Editorial

As floodwaters begin to subside across the region, Grand Strand residents not directly affected by historic rains should count their blessings, be patient about life returning to normal, and, most important, thank first responders who helped in myriad ways.

**Note:** Gov. Nikki Haley rightly made the point that getting back to normal will take some time. Roads and bridges must be inspected and assessed for damage. Motorists will need patience as state, county and municipal engineers determine that roads and bridges are safe for use before they are reopened. Haley said officials may err on the side of caution – and that is how it should be.

**Post and Courier:** Government is very important at times, and this is one of them

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151007/PC16/151009581>

Brian Hicks

Sen. Tim Scott flew back to Washington on Tuesday to plead South Carolina’s case for quick disaster relief. Which we desperately need, seeing as how about 200 inches of rain has fallen in the past week — and now all that Midlands water is rolling our way.

**The State:** Lessons for today? How SC Legislature, Supreme Court resolved their last impasse

<http://www.thestate.com/opinion/opn-columns-blogs/cindi-ross-scope/article37979265.html#storylink=cpy>

Cindi Ross Scope

WE’RE USED TO standoffs between the Legislature and the governor. But it’s rare to see an impasse between the judiciary and the Legislature of the sort that developed last week, when legislative leaders told the chief justice they would ignore the Supreme Court’s order to give it a plan for providing a decent education to poor children.

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

**Post and Courier:** S.C. Republicans accused of hypocrisy for seeking flood relief after opposing Sandy aid

<http://www.postandcourier.com/article/20151006/PC1603/151009575>

Schuyler Kropf

Democrats are urging South Carolina Republicans in Congress who voted against increasing federal aid for the Northeast after Superstorm Sandy not to stand in the way of funneling disaster relief to flood-stricken communities in their own state.

**Bloomberg:** Rep. Mick Mulvaney: I Still Think Kevin McCarthy Misspoke

<http://www.bloomberg.com/politics/videos/2015-10-06/rep-mick-mulvaney-i-still-think-kevin-mccarthy-misspoke>

Rep. Mick Mulvaney, a Republican from South Carolina, discusses the flooding in his state, the GOP leadership contest and his support for Rand Paul on “With All Due Respect.”

## Local News:

**Island Packet:** Chairman Bill Evans resigns from Beaufort County school board

<http://www.islandpacket.com/news/local/community/beaufort-news/article38029803.html>

Rebecca Lurye

Chairman Bill Evans quietly resigned from his seat on the Beaufort County Board of Education after a closed-door session at the beginning of Tuesday night's meeting, just before a half dozen residents piled on their criticism of him. Board vice-chair Mary Cordray stifled tears as she made the announcement 2 1/2 hours later, after the board concluded its business and she shared the news with the board during a second, brief executive session.

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