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Weather Damage Reported in Mississippi

Pearl – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to receive reports of damages from counties across the state related to a severe spring storm system and possible tornadoes moving through the state.

Counties reporting damages to the State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl are as follows:

Atalla: Damage to homes with numerous trees and power lines down.

Choctaw: Homes, trees and power lines down.

Desoto: Damage to some buildings, trees and power lines down.

Holmes: Trees down.

Jasper: Homes damaged and trees down.

Lamar: Some damage to structures.

Lauderdale: Church damaged trees and power lines down.

Monroe: Damages reported.

Simpson: Trees and power lines down.

Union: Homes damaged trees and power lines down.

Warren: Homes damaged and roads closed due to downed trees and power lines.

Yazoo: Homes and businesses damaged, widespread damage to trees and downed power lines.

This storm system continues to produce severe thunderstorms and residents should take cover if a warning is issued for their area.

The Hinds County Sheriff's Department is sending two dozen deputies and one hundred inmates to assist with the response in Yazoo County and clear debris.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) officials reports that several highways across Yazoo and Holmes Counties received major damage and trees down across several highways due to severe weather that swept across the state reports the following road closures:

- Highway 3 in Yazoo County
- Highway 17 in Holmes County
- Highway 14 in Holmes County

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- Only one northbound and one southbound lane of I-55 near Holmes County Park at Mile Marker 151 north of Pickens is open to traffic at this time. Traffic is moving very slow and they expect I-55 to be back open in approximately 4 hours.

Two shelters are open to house storm victims. They are located at the following locations:

- Eagle Lake Baptist Church, 15481 S.R. 465, Vicksburg.
- L.T. Miller Center, 930 Lamar Ave., Yazoo City.

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