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Tropical Depression Lee Update

PEARL—The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has received preliminary reports of damages from the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee from more than 20 Mississippi counties. The storm is also blamed for at least one death in North Mississippi.

Officials in Tishomingo County say one person drowned after the vehicle they were traveling in was swept away while driving across a flooded road. Two other people in the vehicle escaped unharmed.

Showers will continue to produce flash flooding this afternoon east of U.S. Interstate 55. The National Weather Service is also expecting increased flooding along local rivers and stream over the next several days due to the heavy rains.

The American Red Cross is operating three shelters in Central Mississippi to help residents impacted by the flooding. Those shelters are open in the following locations:

Hinds: Greater Bethlehem Temple
1505 Robinson Rd.
Jackson

Madison: First Baptist Church
302 W. Jackson St.
Ridgeland

Rankin: Oakdale Baptist Church
1872 Miss. Highway 471
Brandon

The following counties are reporting damage:

Adams: Trees and power lines down throughout the county.

Covington: Several homes and buildings damaged, trees and power lines down in the county.

Hancock: Several flooded roads.

Harrison: Several flooded roads, homes damaged.

Hinds: Several homes and apartments are flooded, trees and power lines down.

Jackson: Several flooded roads, several homes with flood damage in Moss Point and Pascagoula.

Jones: Some trees down throughout the county.

Lamar: Several homes and roads are flooded.

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Lawrence: At least one road and bridge impacted by flooding.

Lincoln: Several roads impacted by flooding.

Madison: Several homes affected by flood waters and several roads are flooded.

Noxubee: Minor flooding of some roadways.

Pearl River: At least one home with damage.

Pike: A few roads impacted by flooding.

Prentiss: At least one mobile home damaged and one road impacted by flood waters.

Rankin: Several roads impacted by flooding.

Scott: Flash flooding countywide.

Simpson: Several homes and roads damaged.

Stone: Several homes and one church with wind damage.

Tishomingo: One death due to drowning.

Wilkinson: Several roads flooded.

Winston: Minor flooding on county roads.

Detailed damage assessments will be conducted by county officials when weather conditions improve.

Motorists should also be aware that the Mississippi Department of Transportation is reporting flooding along many Mississippi highways. Motorists are asked to slow down this Labor Day and obey all posted road closing. For more traffic information go to www.MSTraffic.com.

MEMA will continue to release updated information about the impacts from Lee as necessary. For more preparedness information visit MEMA's Web site at www.msema.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook for updates.

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