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UPDATE

NO DEATHS OR SIGNIFICANT INJURIES REPORTED AS DAMAGE ESTIMATES EXCEED \$4 MILLION

State Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) continues to assist local partners as they assess damage caused by weekend storms that dropped more than an inch of rain per hour on Grafton County leading to countywide flooding, significant road damage, several isolated homes and the evacuation of hundreds of campers by local emergency responders and swift water rescue teams.

“Most importantly, no significant injuries or deaths have been reported.” HSEM Director Perry Plummer said. “That stands as a testament to the quick actions of our emergency managers and responders. We currently have in excess of \$4 million in estimated damages and will likely meet the disaster thresholds necessary to ask the Governor to seek a federal disaster declaration.”

Many rivers have exceeded their banks and are extremely dangerous and fast moving, Plummer said. Everyone in these areas should stay out of the water until the flooding subsides.

Plummer said travelers should expect to encounter road debris, water covered roads, and damaged roads. Even if the road looks fine, if it is covered in water or closed, do not drive on that road, he said.

Plummer provided the following details regarding the storm and the recovery:

- No significant injuries or deaths have been reported.
- Almost all damage caused by the storm occurred in Grafton County.
- About 67 state, municipal and federal roads have been damaged by the storm and the resulting floods.
- About 600 individuals were evacuated from campgrounds. Primarily, the evacuations took place in Grafton County.
- About one dozen homes have been isolated by flood waters. The individuals in those households have their immediate needs met and have been able to stay in their homes.
- The weather in New Hampshire is forecast to be quite enjoyable. Visitors and residents need to know that New Hampshire is open and ready to celebrate the Fourth of July with them.

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- Homeowners and local businesses should call 211 to report storm damage as the State assesses what volunteer services are available to assist with clean up and recovery.
- Campground owners and operators should call 211 to notify campers of open sites. Campgrounds close to Vermont should call the 211 direct line: 1-866-444-4211.
- Campers seeking available campsites can call 211 for the latest availability at New Hampshire campgrounds. Campers close to VT should call the 211 direct line: 1-866-444-4211.
- For the latest road closure information, travelers can go to newengland511.org

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