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UPDATE

HSEM DIRECTOR ASKS CAMPGROUNDS AND CAMPERS TO CALL 211

State Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) activated the State Emergency Operations Center Saturday as a line of storms dropped more than an inch of rain per hour on Grafton County leading to countywide flooding, significant road damage, and the evacuation of hundreds of campers by local emergency responders and swift water rescue teams.

“If local officials have ordered an evacuation, or closed a road it is extremely important to follow those instructions,” HSEM Director Perry 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, don’t drive on that road. There is no way of knowing what the structural integrity is of the ground underneath.”

Plummer is asking campground owners and operators to call 211 if they have space available to receive displaced campers. Also, displaced campers can call 211 for the most up-to-date information regarding which campsites have space available. Campgrounds and campers close to the border with Vermont should call the 211 direct line at 1-866-444-4211.

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.

For the latest road closure information, travelers can go to www.newengland511.org

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