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NEWS RELEASE

HSEM PREPARED TO ASSIST LOCAL COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY STORMS

CONCORD, N.H. – The New Hampshire Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) has reached out to communities affected by last night’s storms to ask if they need any assistance and remains in close communication with local officials.

Many communities in Coos and Grafton counties experienced heavy rain that caused flooding and led to road washouts.

HSEM is also in close contact with state and federal partners about any requests they might have.

“Thanks to good preparation and strong teamwork, the State stands ready to provide assistance to local communities should they need it,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “Our teams remain in communication with local officials to assess damage from last night’s storm and provide assistance as needed.”

Local communities continue to assess the damages. As of 11 a.m., HSEM has received one request from the Town of Lyman to assist with obtaining jersey barriers for road damage. The Department of Transportation is working to fulfill that request.

“Our commitment to the local communities and our state and federal partners remains strong as they respond to storm damage,” said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. “We understand the challenges that come with severe weather events, and our team at HSEM is dedicated to providing the necessary resources.”

Director Buxton makes the following safety recommendations for those in areas affected by the storms:

- Find the latest road conditions at newengland511.org.
- Drivers should be alert for crews clearing debris and use caution. Never drive around barriers or remove them from closed roadways.
- Slow down and move over for emergency vehicles.

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