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Governor Riley Declares State of Emergency Due to Severe Flooding

MONTGOMERY - Governor Bob Riley on Wednesday declared a state of emergency for four counties due to the significant rainfall which began on December 12.

Numerous homes and businesses have suffered damage and more severe weather is expected in the state later this week.

By declaring a state of emergency, the Governor authorizes the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to assist communities, make the appropriate assessments of damage and seek state and federal assistance for the affected areas.

"The state will do everything it can to help our citizens and our communities," said Governor Riley.

The affected counties are: Covington, Crenshaw, Dale and Escambia Counties.

Alabama EMA Executive Officer Jeff Byard and Recovery Section Chief Benjie Abbott toured the damage today.

"Counties are reporting the damage as being worse than the spring floods," said Byard.

"I have been in contact with FEMA regarding the need for preliminary damage assessments," said AEMA Director Brock Long. "It is important we move quickly, avoiding all unnecessary delays."

Additional rainfall forecast for Friday has the potential to exacerbate damage levels in the state. Alabama EMA is prepared to extend assistance as needed.

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