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Update: Severe weather and Pearl River flood update for Feb. 10-14 event

**PEARL, Miss.** – According to the National Weather Service's Tuesday morning hydrology report, the latest level for the Pearl River is 36.17 feet.

Water is not scheduled to drop below 33 feet until Friday. County damage assessments will soon follow, once the water recedes.

So far, 19 counties have submitted damaged reports to MEMA for the February 10-14 severe weather and flooding event. Those counties include Quitman, Grenada, Clay, Oktibbeha, Lowndes, Leflore, Carroll, Holmes, Attala, Leakes, Humphreys, Washington, Yazoo, Warren, Claiborne, Hinds, Rankin, Copiah and Greene.

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks continues to assist local law enforcement during the flood event. The shelter at the Jackson Police Training Academy remains open.

Across the state, Mississippi could see one to three inches of rainfall over the next few days, starting today. That rainfall could have an impact on the southern counties along the Pearl River: Copiah, Simpson, Lawrence, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Pearl River, Hancock. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency is in close contact with those county emergency management agency directors and is monitoring the situation.

Just a reminder, residents in Hinds, Rankin and Madison County can self-report damage to county emergency management agencies through MEMA's self-reporting tool. Those links for each county can be found on our website <a href="https://www.msema.org/">https://www.msema.org/</a>.

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