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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

July 15, 2022

Severe Weather Activity

Virginia

- Everyone has been found after reports of more than 40 people missing in a rural Virginia county inundated by a torrential downpour that tore homes from their foundations and damaged roads and bridges.
- Six inches of rain in just hours Tuesday caused extensive damage in the western Virginia county, CNN meteorologist Robert Shackelford said. "Combined with the fact that the area is mountainous, rainfall is able to collect quickly, and dangerous runoff occurred," he said.
- The "monumental" search effort for missing persons in Buchanan County covered about 30 miles and 400 structures, Virginia Department of Emergency Management search and rescue specialist Billy Chrimes said.
- The storm was swift and overwhelming, with widespread flooding and road closures reported in just a few hours.
- Radar estimates indicate 6 inches of rain fell in about four hours starting at 8 p.m. Tuesday, corresponding with a rain event with a 1-in-1,000 chance of happening in a given year.
- The exact numbers of homes damaged and destroyed haven't been announced, but early reports put that number at over 100.
- Virginia's governor declared a state of emergency to help with recovery efforts.



A house was moved off its foundation after a flash flood, Thursday, July 14, 2022, in Whitewood, Virginia.

West Virginia

- Gov. Jim Justice declared on July 14, 2022, a State of Emergency for McDowell County due to excessive rainfall on Monday, July 12, 2022, which caused significant flooding that damaged over 75 homes, approximately a dozen bridges, and numerous roads throughout the county. The storm also resulted in downed trees, power outages, and disruption to potable water systems.
- In McDowell County, the heavy rains created localized flash flooding in the areas of War, Warriormine, and Berwind.
- Flash floods washed out road shoulders and undermined parts of traffic lanes on Warriormine Road, War Creek Road, Shop Branch Road, Berwind Road, among others.
- McDowell County has a history of flooding, but for many longtime residents, this was among the most destructive they had seen in their neighborhoods.
- Damage reports are still coming in, but it looks like storms took out at least 14 McDowell County bridges.

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Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

| State | Event | Date Submitted | Approved/Denied /Pending | Number of Counties/Tribes |
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| MS | Severe Storms, Straight-Line Winds & Tornadoes March 22, 2022 | 4/28/2022 | Pending | 4 Counties |

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