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WSP USA INSPECTION SERVICES DISASTER AWARENESS REPORT

March 30, 2021

Tornado Activity Alabama

- Monday, three of Alabama's top elected officials toured the damage caused by the tornadoes that ravaged Alabama on March 25.
- Governor Kay Ivey conducted a tour with three stops. She visited Calhoun, Hale and Shelby Counties, three of Alabama's hardest-hit areas.
- U.S. Senator Tommy Tuberville (R-AL) and U.S. Representative Mike Rogers (R-Saks) jointly examined the damage in Calhoun County, the location of all five of Alabama's tornado-caused deaths.
- In Calhoun County, at least 177 structures have been confirmed damaged in the storm, with half the storm zone surveyed so far.
- Governor Kay Ivey said she was hopeful the state would ultimately receive aid from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Alabamians impacted by the tornadoes which ripped through the state last week.
- Ivey addressed the issue of FEMA aid after touring the damage Monday which she concluded at the Eagle Point subdivision in Shelby County. Brick houses there were significantly damaged by an EF-3 tornado which packed winds greater than 140 mph.
- "It looks bad enough to me, it looks like it would be sort of easy to do an assessment but we need to be very thorough so we can be eligible for as much money as will be allowed," said Ivey.
- Congressman Gary Palmer (R - Hoover) said he advised state lawmakers to combine the damage estimates from last week's tornadoes with the damage caused by the St. Patrick's Day tornado and the January tornado which struck Fultondale.
- In Hale County alone, 43 homes were destroyed, and 175 others were damaged.
- On Monday, the National Weather Service upgraded tornadoes that hit Ohatchee, Calera, and Hale County as EF-3, bringing the total number of tornadoes that hit Central Alabama to 11.
- In total, there were four EF-3 tornadoes, three EF-2's, 3 EF-1's and 1 EF-0 that came through Central Alabama.
- The biggest tornado by far was the one that hit the Centreville/Columbiana tornado area, which was 1.3 miles wide and traveled 80 miles with winds that reached 150 miles per hour at its highest. Its cycle reportedly lasted an estimated 98 minutes.
- Chris Darden, meteorologist-in-charge at the National Weather Service in Birmingham, said over the eight-day period leading up to Thursday's storms, the state was hit with 36 tornadoes.



Drone photo of tornado damage at Eagle Point in Shelby County. The tornado struck the area on March 25, 2021. (Joe Songer for AL.com).

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Flood Activity

Tennessee

- The deadly flash flooding that swept through Tennessee with little warning has killed at least seven people, authorities said Monday. Five weather-related fatalities were reported in Davidson County, one in Cheatham County and another in Hawkins County, according to the Tennessee Department of Health.
- Volunteers and emergency crews carried out more than 240 rescues in Nashville and neighboring counties over the weekend.
- Meteorologists with the weather service said 7.01 inches of rain fell at the Nashville airport from Saturday to Sunday. It was the second-highest two-day rainfall total ever recorded in the city and the highest ever for a day in March.
- On Monday in Brentwood, just south of Nashville, city officials also declared a state of emergency after more than 8 inches of rain fell there in a 24-hour period, according to the weather service. In Brentwood, more than 50 people needed to be rescued due the flooding.
- The American Red Cross is providing assistance to ten counties impacted by the severe weather. So far, volunteers have provided overnight stays for more than 130 people whose homes sustained damage or were destroyed.
- More rain was expected to soak parts of a water-weary South on Tuesday and Wednesday, prompting flood warnings and watches, especially in middle Tennessee.
- Central Tennessee, including Nashville, is under a flash flood watch until early Thursday morning. Flood warnings remain posted along the Tennessee and Mississippi rivers, as well as many of their tributaries.

Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
	N/A			

WSP USA Inspection Services Active Disasters

Disaster Number and State	Disaster Type	Number of Counties Declared	Days Since Launch	Registration Deadline
4586 TX	Severe Ice Storm	126 Counties	36	4/20/2021

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