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July 29, 2022

Flooding Activity Kentucky

- A new round of catastrophic flooding has struck the central United States, this time in the Appalachian foothills of eastern Kentucky, swamping communities and leaving people missing or trapped.
- Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear (D) called the event “one of the worst, most devastating flooding events in Kentucky’s history”.
- Beshear said Friday morning that the death toll has risen to 15 after torrential rains flooded Eastern Kentucky, destroying hundreds of homes and wiping out entire communities.
- Flooding was reported in numerous counties in southeastern Kentucky early Thursday, including Breathitt, Floyd, Perry, Knott, Leslie, Pike and Magoffin.
- Swollen floodwaters washed out bridges, wiped out power and sent some residents scrambling to their rooftops as water gushed into their homes.
- In Floyd County, approximately 80 people have been rescued since heavy rains began in the area Tuesday, county Judge-Executive Robbie Williams told CNN.
- More than 23,000 customers were without power across the state as of early Friday, according to PowerOutage.us.
- Beshear later warned that the destruction is far from over as more rainfall is expected Friday.
- Eastern Kentucky has a slight to moderate risk of flash flooding through Friday evening as an additional one to 3 inches are possible throughout the day, according to the Weather Prediction Center.
- In a White House briefing Thursday, press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre told reporters that Deanne Criswell, the administrator for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, will travel to Kentucky Friday to survey the damage and report back to President Joe Biden.
- FEMA has also sent rescue personnel and an incident management assistance team to aid in the state’s rescue efforts, she said.
- Beshear stated he made a direct request to President Biden for federal assistance to respond to the devastating flooding in Eastern Kentucky.
- This assistance is critical to our efforts and essential for our people.



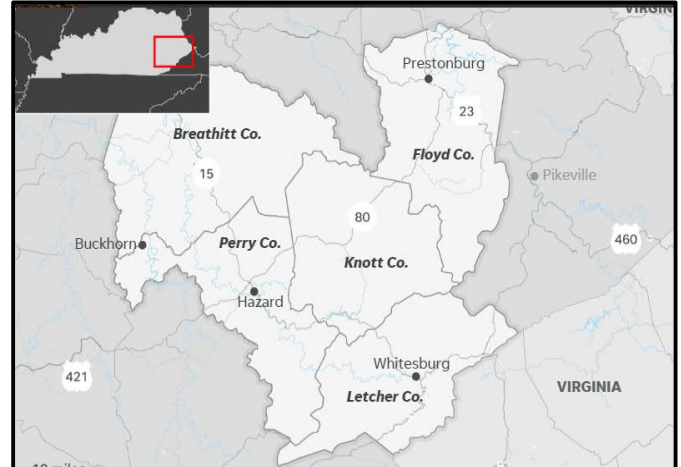
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Kentucky continued

- A state of emergency has been issued for the state with several Eastern Kentucky counties being hit hardest — they include Floyd, Breathitt, Knott, Letcher and Perry Counties.
- Towns and cities reported having been hit the hardest are Hazard, Jackson, Garrett, Salyersville, Booneville, Whitesburg and the rest of Perry County.
- The damage suffered is enormous and recovery will be a long-term effort.



Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments

State	Event	Number of Counties for IA		Start-End
		Requested	Completed	
VA	Severe Storms & Flooding July 12, 2022	1	0	7/27-TBD

Pending Individual Assistance Declaration Request

State	Event	Date Submitted	Approved/Denied /Pending	Number of Counties/Tribes
	N/A			

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