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Water rescues complete at Red Creek Off-Road facility

April 16, 2018

- In total, 81 RV campers were rescued, or needed assistance to be evacuated, from the Red Creek Off-Road facility after high waters surrounded and covered most of the campgrounds.
 - At this time, all weekend campers and visitors at the Red Creek Off-Road facility have been accounted for by authorities.
 - Several final sweeps of the area were conducted by a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crew from Mobile.
 - At this time, there have been no reports of serious physical injury or major medical issues.
 - Red Creek crested at more than 16 feet on April 15. The creek is expected to stay above flood stage for several more days.
 - Responding agencies included: George County Sheriff Department, Jackson County Sheriff Department, GC Emergency Management, GC Search & Rescue, JC Search & Rescue, ASAP and Acadian Ambulance Services, MS Department of Marine Resources, MS Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, United States Coast Guard, and local First Responders.
 - *“This event needs to serve as a stark reminder that everyone needs to pay close attention to severe weather watches and flash flood warnings. This situation could have been far worse. We were very fortunate,” Nancy Smith, George County Emergency Management explained. “I’m very proud of the joint response. Our Sheriff Department, along with 11 different agencies from across the area, came together for a unique high water rescue. Our response made all the difference.”*
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County and State conducting water rescues at Red Creek Off-Road facility

April 15, 2018- 12:30 PM

- So far, more than 30 RV campers have been rescued from the campgrounds by boat or watercraft.
- Emergency officials predict dozens of campers will still need to be assisted or rescued as high waters from Red Creek have surrounded and covered most of the campgrounds.
- So far, there have been no reports of serious physical injury or major medical issues.
- George County Sheriff Department has set up a Command Post off Vestry Road at the facility’s main entrance.
- Water levels from all rivers and creeks in the area are expected to rise for the next 24 hours.
- Responding agencies include: George County Sheriff Department, Jackson County Sheriff Department, GC Emergency Management, GC Search & Rescue, ASAP and Acadian Ambulance Services, and Mississippi Wildlife & Fisheries.

George and Jackson County responding to Red Creek Off-Road Facility

April 15, 2018- 11 AM

George and Jackson County emergency officials are responding to reports of dozens of RV campers and visitors stranded at the Red Creek Off-Road facility off Vestry Road in George County.

Numerous severe weather watches and warnings were issued for this entire area. Red Creek Off-Road allowed numerous RV campers to stay overnight. The facility was scheduled to host a large event over the weekend.

Heavy overnight rains have made roads and trails into the facility impassable to regular vehicles. The storm system also has caused flooding along the banks of Red Creek which has pushed water into the RV camp grounds.

A combination of local emergency management departments are responding, including: the George County Sheriff Department, the Jackson County Sheriff Department, George County Search and Rescue, ASAP Ambulance, and Mississippi Wildlife & Fisheries.

Currently, there are no reports of anyone being physically injured due to weather conditions. There have been some requests for minor medical attention by those in the RV grounds.

Red Creek Off-Road is a private organization.

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