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George Co. officials urge residents to stay river alert this weekend

T.S. Cindy's rains pushing rivers above flood stage

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George County Emergency Management officials are urging residents along the Chickasawhay, Leaf, and Pascagoula Rivers to stay alert this weekend for both road and property flooding. Torrential rains from Tropical Storm Cindy have pushed all local rivers past flood stages.

As of Friday afternoon the Pascagoula River at Merrill was reporting at 25 feet; official flood stage is 22 feet. The National Weather Service is forecasting the Pascagoula River to continue rising through the weekend and reach 27 feet by Monday, June 26.



T.S. Cindy dropped more than 11.2 inches of rain in George County. The George County Board of Supervisors approved a "Proclamation of Local Emergency" in advance of flood waters on June 22.

Flood waters remain over almost a dozen County roads in low lying areas including: Merrill Road, East & West Wilkerson Ferry Roads, Plum Bluff Road and surrounding areas, Horseshoe Lake Road, Tom Hempstead Road, Smith Fish Camp, Johnnie Howell Road, Boyd Smith Road, and Milton Murrah Road.

"All of the rain that fell north of us in Greene, Wayne, and Jones counties is now flowing towards the Pascagoula River," Nancy Smith, George County Emergency Management Director, explained. "There are several homes less than a foot away from getting water right now. They will spend a nervous weekend watching the water levels of the Pascagoula River."

The County is asking all boaters to pay special attention to their speed and wake in flood areas. Just one boat's wake could push flood waters past a home's threshold.

For the most updated weather information follow **Facebook/GeorgeCountyMsEmergencyManagement**. Residents and property owners can report flood damage to 601-947-7557 and visit <http://water.weather.gov/ahps/forecasts.php> for river stage updates.

Photo:

George County residents filling sandbags on River Road in advance of rising waters caused by TS Cindy.

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