Governor Jindal: State Continues to Respond to Tropical Storm Lee

BATON ROUGE (September 3, 2011) - Governor Jindal's office released the following information today on the state's efforts to continue to respond to the effects of Tropical Storm Lee.

We continue to encourage Louisianians to stay alert and monitor local weather conditions in their area. We have severe weather warnings and tornado warnings in effect for parts of the state and residents everywhere need to use extreme caution, especially if driving in the wind and rain. Tropical Storm Lee is moving slowly, as expected, and we are already seeing flooded roads and other effects from rising water levels throughout South Louisiana.

We have deployed Louisiana National Guard liaisons to Terrebonne and Plaquemines Parishes in order to help immediately respond to any emergency needs the parishes may have. Additional Guard liaisons are on standby to assist other parishes as they may need Guardsmen to help respond to flooding.

We have more than 25 Wildlife and Fisheries vessels, 24 LDWF vehicles, an ATV and a fuel truck available as needed for response efforts. LDWF has 225 agents ready to assist parishes with flood fighting efforts, and the LDWF mobile command unit along with three fuel trailers are also on standby.

We continue to lean forward and respond to this storm as needed. We know that in any kind of disaster, we must prepare for the worst even while we hope for the best.

Road Closures

DOTD is reporting multiple closures in Southeast Louisiana due to flooding and high winds. Citizens are urged to check DOTD's 511 Traveler Information website at www.511la.org.

Additional information is available at www.louisiana.gov/511.