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 for the latest closures.

LDWF agents and additional National Guard liaisons are responding to flooded areas as they are identified. We continue to contact local partners to get immediate and accurate information on what areas are affected.

Additional travel warnings and evacuations are possible as the storm continues to move through the state. Citizens are urged to plan ahead, stay alert, and stay informed by tuning into local media outlets or checking the state's website www.511la.org.

We encourage Louisianians to be prepared. We are already opening emergency centers across the state to help citizens to find a safe place to stay during the storm. Additional centers will be opened as needed.

The state is already taking the necessary steps to respond to Tropical Storm Lee. We are deploying additional resources to help protect our citizens.

We are in regular contact with local officials and are ready to assist with any additional needs they may have.

We urge Louisianians to continue to monitor local weather conditions and to stay on standby for additional instructions.

LDWF monitors are working with other state agencies to ensure that our citizens are informed of the latest information.

We remain committed to protecting the safety of our citizens and our state. We will continue to keep you informed as the storm evolves.

Citizens are urged to stay informed and stay alert. We are committed to protecting our citizens and our state.

We thank our partners and our citizens for their patience and their understanding as we continue to respond to Tropical Storm Lee.

Governor Jindal