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TS Fred Event Status Report for Release at 3:40 PM on 8/18/21

*On the night of 8/17 emergency management, public safety, fire and rescue agencies and law enforcement evacuated countless residents and visitors including campers from the Davidson River Campground. This included swift water rescue. The dedication and bravery of our public safety and emergency personnel in Transylvania County is exemplary.

*Unprecedented rain and flooding resulted in measurements of the Davidson River at 14 feet (flood stage 6) and 14.2 feet in French Broad River in Rosman (flood stage 9). Floodwaters rose rapidly creating dangerous conditions.

*Train trestle in Pisgah Forest moved approximately 2 feet due to floodwaters.

*Search for campers that were supposed to be located above Daniel's Creek continues. Searchers are having to regroup to gain access to the area due to washed out infrastructure. Henderson County Sheriff's Office is assisting with a drone to try to locate them.

*TC Emergency Shelter at the Recreation Center had 28 people overnight and all have been able to find temporary accommodations. The Shelter will re-open if the need arises. Those with need can call county communications 828-884-3188.

*As of noon on 8/18, 25 structures had been identified as damaged or uninhabitable, 5 roadways with serious damage totaling an estimated \$2.1 million in damage. Staff expects these numbers to escalate significantly as more information is gathered. This reflects a partial assessment because crews are continuing to assess through the county. Numerous landslides exist throughout the county with damage to access roads and structures in addition to flooding.

*Transylvania County has located dumpsters in Rosman and Pisgah Forest to begin accepting debris disposal in communities most impacted by floodwaters.

*Transylvania County has been in contact with Governor Cooper's office, Senator Chuck Edwards, Representative Jake Johnson and Congressman Madison Cawthorn regarding funding assistance for those impacted.

*NCDOT is inspecting state roads and bridges to assure safety and closing facilities as needed. Emergency repairs and emergency access are being completed by them.

*Transylvania County will be sending an assessment crew out tomorrow to begin collecting information on private roadways and drives that may qualify for federal funding for repair.

* We have been grateful for aid that we have had throughout this event from Haywood, Jackson, and Henderson Counties and Pickens County in SC.

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