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Troup County Assists in Emergency Relief Efforts

Troup County, Ga. March 6, 2019 – Troup County is currently assisting nearby Harris County with storm damage cleanup efforts and damage assessment from the destruction left by tornadoes that hit west-central Georgia and east Alabama early Sunday evening. Troup County Roads and Engineering, Troup County Sheriff's Office, Troup County Emergency Management, and Troup County Property Appraisal are all extending assistance to neighboring Harris County for emergency relief efforts.

After reaching out to the Harris County Public Works department to offer assistance in light of the current devastation, Troup County Roads and Engineering and the Troup County Sheriff's Office deployed two road cleanup crews and a debris chipper crew to Harris County to assist in the clearing and disposal of debris from public right-of-ways. The crews have brought in multiple pieces of heavy equipment to assist in hauling storm debris and aiding in overall cleanup efforts. They are working on ten mostly rural and residential roads throughout Harris County. According to County Engineer James Emery, Troup County road crews will continue to offer assistance in Harris County for the next couple of days. "We're pleased to offer support to our neighbor in their time of need. We know from first-hand experience what it's like to feel overwhelmed after a natural disaster and would like to help in any way that we can," said Emery.

Troup County Emergency Management Director Dennis Knight and five Troup County Property Appraisal staff members also assisted in storm damage efforts through conducting preliminary damage assessment in Pine Mountain. The team worked to assess areas of destruction and gather data to forward to the state. They ultimately reported over fifty homes that were affected by the wave of storms that ripped through the area. Out of the 50+ homes hit by the storm, some of the areas assessed had minor damage while others were left with major destruction due largely to fallen trees. Eager to help, EMA Director Dennis Knight stated that Harris County requested assistance in damage assessment and he immediately went to work.

Harris County is one of three Georgia counties currently under a state of emergency declared by Governor Brian Kemp from the extensive storm damage.

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