

Catastrophic Flooding Across South Carolina

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Communities across South Carolina have been slammed with catastrophic, life-threatening flooding throughout the weekend.

Some of the hardest hit areas recorded rainfall amounts higher than 20 inches. Major roadways were closed across the state and Gov. Nikki Haley encouraged people to stay home and avoid any unnecessary travel. Fifteen people were killed as a result of weather-related incidents in South Carolina since Thursday, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety said Tuesday afternoon.

More than 200 swift water rescues have been performed across the state as of Sunday morning according to South Carolina Emergency Management.

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The torrential rainfall developed due to a combination of tropical moisture from Hurricane Joaquin and a non-tropical system. More than 20,000 people were without power in South Carolina into Monday morning.

Flooding has inundated areas along the East Coast over the past several days, including parts of the mid-Atlantic on Friday.

A North Charleston resident said they had 8 inches of water in their home. They experienced Hurricane Hugo, but nothing close to flooding from this event, according to North Charleston officials.



Residents in North Charleston were evacuated Sunday after severe flooding. (Twitter Photo/@NorthCharleston)



The city of North Charleston, S.C., continued evacuation operations into Sunday afternoon. (Twitter Photo/@NorthCharleston)



Rockbridge Road in the Columbia, S.C., area was damaged by floodwaters on Sunday. (Facebook Photo/Gills Creek Watershed Association/Erich Miarka)



Flooding created impassable roads throughout the Charleston, S.C., area on Sunday. (Twitter Photo/NWS Charleston)



Residents near Charleston, S.C., neighborhood took to boats to get around. (Twitter Photo/NWS Charleston)



The Cary Lake Dam in the Columbia, S.C., area washed out on Sunday. (Facebook Photo/Gills Creek Watershed Association/Erich Miarka)



Many cars were abandoned on flooded roadways across the state. (Twitter Photo/Brandon Sullivan)



High floodwaters created extremely dangerous travel conditions and residents were encouraged to stay home. (Twitter Photo/@ChasCoSheriff)

Heavy rain delivered devastating flooding to Charleston, S.C. (Twitter Photo/Brandon Sullivan).