



# GULF COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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PRESS RELEASE #6

Disaster Name: North Florida Flood 2013

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## **PRESS RELEASE** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Flood Warning continues for the Apalachicola River and the Chipola River effecting Gulf County. The flood warning will remain in effect until further notice or the warning is cancelled.

At 9:00am Saturday the Apalachicola River stage was 22.79 feet at Blountstown. Minor flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is not expected. The river is forecasted to lower to near 19.8 feet by Monday 9 AM at Blountstown. The forecast shows the river will remain high until the middle of next week and then begin to slowly fall.

At 9:00am Saturday the Chipola River stage was 28.97 feet at Altha. Moderate flooding is occurring and moderate flooding is forecasted. The river is forecasted to lower near 25.5 feet by Monday 9AM at Altha and then continue falling.

**The Gulf County Emergency Management Office continues to recommend voluntary evacuation for persons in low lying areas and/or those who feel threatened by rising waters.**

**The shelter at Honeyville Community Center will be closing today.**

**The Honeyville Community Center and Howard Creek Fire Department are expected to be open next week for voting.**

**For updated road closures please see our website [www.gulfcountry-fl.gov/EOCEvents.cfm](http://www.gulfcountry-fl.gov/EOCEvents.cfm)**

Additional information is available at the Tallahassee National Weather Service website at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/tlh/>.

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