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HEAVY GEORGIA RAINS INCREASE POTENTIAL FOR MINOR FLOODING IN NORTH FLORIDA

LIVE OAK, FLA., Dec. 04, 2018 – Heavy rains occurring over the weekend and through Monday dumped over 10 inches of rain across South Georgia raising water levels along the Alapaha, Aucilla, and Withlacoochee rivers according to gauges monitored by the Suwannee River Water Management District (District) and its partners.

Water levels along the Alapaha, Aucilla, and Withlacoochee rivers are currently reaching or are expected to reach minor flood stages within the next few days.

The District is actively monitoring water levels along the Middle Suwannee River at the Ellaville gauge for potential impacts from the junction of the aforementioned rivers.

Although no major flooding is anticipated at this time, residents and businesses along the impacted rivers should:

- actively monitor conditions using the [District's River and Lake Levels webpage](#),
- identify alternate routes to their homes/businesses in the event the main route is inaccessible,
- make preparations to move valuables and animals in low-lying areas to higher elevations, and
- always evacuate if instructed to do so.

The District and its partners continuously monitor river and lake levels on an hourly or bi-hourly basis. The information is available online at www.mysuwanneeriver.org/realtime/rain-levels or by phone at 386.362.6626.

The mission of the Suwannee River Water Management District is to protect and manage water resources using science-based solutions to support natural systems and the needs of the public. The District holds true to the belief of water for nature, water for people. Headquartered in Live Oak, Florida, the District serves 15 surrounding north-central Florida counties.

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