

Senator Mitch McConnell on ongoing Ky. Flooding

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks today on the Senate floor regarding the flooding in Kentucky:

“Eastern Kentucky is reeling from some of the worst flooding in our state’s history. The area is still experiencing rainfall today. This horrible, tragic crisis is far from over. I’m monitoring this situation closely and doing all I can to assist. Kentucky leaders on both sides of the political aisle are working together to coordinate further federal aid.”

“In Jackson, waters reached 43-and-a-half feet high, breaking an 83-year record. Drone footage shows whole towns submerged. Roadways have turned into rivers. Rising waters have reached rooftops.

“Across more than a dozen counties, severe rainstorms have created crisis conditions. Water rose too quickly for many to react, with tragic consequences.

“The Governor has confirmed that 35 Kentuckians lost their lives amid the flash floods, including children. Sadly, I’m told that number will rise in the coming days.

“Even the families who were lucky enough to get out unscathed have lost homes, businesses, and heirlooms. In many communities, the waterlogged destruction is absolute.

“Eastern Kentucky is well known for its steep hilltops, rolling forests, and deep hollows. Those features, which make the region one of the most unique in the country, also create complications for emergency personnel.

“Our heroic first responders, including the National Guard from Kentucky and surrounding states, are working overtime to find and recover stranded residents. They’ve rescued more than 1,400 individuals since floodwaters hit, nearly half by air.

“Late last week, I joined with every member of Kentucky’s congressional delegation to support the Governor’s request to the President for a Major Disaster declaration to give our first responders federal help.

“President Biden issued that declaration promptly and resources are already flowing into the Commonwealth to assist local emergency personnel.

“I’ve spoken to the President and FEMA Director Criswell to thank them for their speedy action.

“Director Criswell traveled to Kentucky last week and has been on the ground assisting with recovery efforts directly.

“My staff in Southeastern Kentucky are in close touch with local officials in that area, providing all the help we can. I will visit the affected communities my-

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self in the coming days to meet with constituents and offer support.

“Unthinkably painful stories continue to come to us out of Eastern Kentucky. However, we’ve also heard moving reminders of Kentuckians’ selflessness.

“Last December, the city of Mayfield in Western Kentucky was devastated by tornadoes. The town lost its fire station in the storm.

“But despite their own challenges, last week the Mayfield Fire Department filled an ambulance with equipment and rushed to Eastern Kentucky to aid relief efforts. They didn’t have to think twice before helping fellow Kentuckians.

“We saw generosity all across the affected region. Residents with boats, jet skis, and kayaks put their own lives at risk to rescue their neighbors.

“Schools, churches, parks, and businesses opened their doors to displaced families.

“As one resident put it over the weekend, no matter what, Eastern Kentuckians ‘help each other.’

“I’m monitoring this situation closely and doing all I can to assist. Kentucky leaders on both sides of the political aisle are working together to coordinate further federal aid.

“I’m thankful to everyone who sprang into action to help with the rescue efforts, whether they were professional first responders or just good Samaritans.

“And I’m thankful for the help our state has already received from FEMA. Their continued assistance will be vital for rebuilding in the months ahead.

“Eastern Kentucky has been devastated by these floods. Our recovery process will take months and, in some places, years.

“But I know we will bounce back. Kentucky has faced challenges before. And we always overcome.”

Mural in Campbellsville



Photo submitted

Campbellsville boasts a new mural at the intersection of Main Street and South Columbia Ave, on the Big Dawg radio station building. The mural was painted by Taylor County natives Emily Osborne Anderson and Natalie Osborne Brockman over a four-day period and it was completed in time for the annual July 4th Celebration. Larry Smith organized and formed a committee made of 12 people to create the new mural to promote many facets of the Campbellsville community. Even Coca-Cola, which was housed in that building from 1901-1929, was incorporated into the project. Pictured in front of the mural is artist Natalie Osborne Brockman and Larry Smith.



Gov. orders flags to half-staff

Gov. Andy Beshear ordered flags at all state office buildings be lowered to half-staff in honor of Kentuckians lost to or impacted by the historic Eastern Kentucky flooding events that began July 26.

Flags at state office buildings should be lowered to half-staff beginning Aug. 2, and remain so until sundown Monday, Aug. 8. Gov. Beshear is encouraging individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Kentucky to join in this tribute.

The Governor also asked Kentuckians to light their homes and businesses in green – the color of compassion – in honor of the flood victims:

“Let’s pull out those green lights again and let the people of Eastern Kentucky know we love them.”

Green River Lake Shore Cleanup to run til Sept. 30

The 2022 Lake Shore Cleanup will be virtual this year.

The event, hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers at Green River Lake and the Friends of Green River Lake, say the event will run all summer until Sept. 30.

Participants are

required to sign a volunteer form and submit two photos of themselves cleaning up trash from the shoreline and disposing of trash properly.

For each trash bag picked up, participants will be entered into a draw-

ing for a kayak prize package worth \$300.

Volunteer forms may be emailed, filled out in person, or on the GRL’s Facebook page.

For more information, an instruction form, or to sign a group or organization up, call 270-465-4468.

KSP Post 15 to conduct traffic safety checkpoints

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Kentucky State Police Post 15 will be conducting periodic traffic safety checkpoints in the Post 15 area, which includes Green, Taylor, Marion, Washington, Rus-

sell, Casey, Adair, Metcalfe, Monroe, Clinton, and Cumberland counties.

These checkpoints will be conducted as part of Post 15’s highway safety efforts.

Troopers will be checking for viola-

tions of Kentucky traffic and regulatory laws relating to motor vehicle equipment safety, licensing of drivers, motor vehicle registration, and operation of motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicants.

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