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**Hurricane Helene
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Anderson County Hurricane Helene Update

Anderson, SC ({September 29, 2024}) – Anderson County remains under a state of emergency as crews work around the clock, pushing toward one of the biggest recovery efforts the state has seen in recent history.

As of Sunday, the county is 75% without power, meaning more than 80,000 homes are in the dark. Numerous power crews are in the area to bring the lights back on and we kindly ask you to let them work without interruption, as well as being cautious when you drive past. Please refrain from driving at night due to all the remaining debris. Progress is being made, as when Helene first hit, 95% of the county faced outages.

The City of Belton and Honea Path remain under a boil water advisory. Emergency Management officials have requested two 18 wheelers of bottled water be brought directly to the impacted community. Water is now available at Leeda Poore Park in Belton, as well as at 204 South Main Street in Honea Path for one case per household.

The National Guard is working in concert with our own county crews to clean as many fallen trees and downed power lines as possible. The National Guard has brought in resources including chainsaw crews, debris and brush crews and medical personnel. A large-scale medical shelter is open and any patients needing assistance must call the SCPH Care-line at 1-855-472-3432.

When the hurricane brought life-threatening wind, the aftermath shut down 560 county roads. Crews have made significant progress with 160 roads remaining shut down at this hour. South Carolina crews including from Horry County, are in route to provide more assistance and relief as the hours tick on.

We cannot thank the public enough for helping your neighbors, remaining calm in the midst of adversity, and for understanding patience and alliance as we all band together during this time.

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