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## **Governor Musgrove Declares State of Emergency After Storms Hit Northeast Mississippi**

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove declared a state of emergency this afternoon after heavy rainfall caused flash flooding in parts of northeast Mississippi. The declaration covers Lee and Tippah Counties and any other areas affected by flash flooding.

“We will move quickly to make state resources available to assist with the recovery from these storms,” said Musgrove. “We’re going to be there to help in any way possible, today and in the days to come.”

Preliminary damage assessments from Tupelo are indicating a number of flooded homes and streets. The Bancorp South Center has been opened as a temporary shelter for individuals affected by the flooding.

The state of emergency will remain in effect until the threat to public safety is ended.

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