Soggy Tuesday



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A worker with U.S. Group Inc. finishes repairs after heavy rains flooded a section of Sheep Farm Road with nearly 6 inches of muddy water Monday afternoon.

Monday rains the heaviest of the month

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SENECA — It's a good thing everyone was shopping online Monday because the weather in the Upstate wasn't fit for man or beast.

Flash flood warnings were extended into this morning as rain continued to fall across the region. A light rain early Monday turned into a heavy downpour throughout the afternoon.

Oconee Joint Regional Sewer Authority Director Bob Winchester said as of 3 p.m. Monday, 1.11 inches of rain had fallen in Oconee County, with .56 of an inch falling from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Before Monday's rainfall, Winchester said Nov. 4 had the most rain with .81 inches. As of press time Monday, November's total rainfall is 3.98 inches.

Today is expected to have morning showers and fog.

The National Weather Service issued a flood watch and a hazardous weather outlook for Upstate South Carolina beginning early Monday. The flood watch remained in effect with heavy rainfall expected into the night.

Rescue departments and Public Works crews were surveying the area Monday, keeping a lookout for any potential flooding areas.

"We have several crew members out checking roads," said Mack Kelly, Oconee County Public Works director. "We do not have any full-flood stage issues and no call-ins."

Kelly said downed power lines and trees were not a major issue as the wind was minimal. However, Kelly said as long as the rain continues to fall, the county would have crews on the roads to make sure that issues are quickly resolved.

Some roads, mostly in the northern part of the county, were reported blocked by trees that gave way to erosion.

Today is expected to have morning showers and fog with a small percentage of rain anticipated until midnight

Sunshine is expected to return on Wednesday.

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