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Floodwater covers Keowee School Road near the School District of Oconee County's Bountyland Education Campus in Seneca on Monday.

Rain causes flooding in county, more expected this week

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SENECA — Heavy rain caused road closures in some areas of Oconee County on Monday, and of-

ficials are expecting more flooding through Wednesday.

Oconee County Emergency Services director Scott Krein said Monday afternoon that no roads were "washed out," but the rain forecast

will likely bring more road closures in the county through Wednesday.

The floods didn't last long in most cases, according to Krein.

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An aerial view shows the extent of flooding on Keowee School Road in Seneca on Monday morning.

FLOODING: Two cars caught in water in Seneca on Monday

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"In some cases, literally within 45 minutes after it stopped raining, (the road) was clean," he said.

Seneca Fire Chief Richie Caudill and four Seneca firefighters were on the scene of a flood Monday morning on Keowee School Road near the Bountyland Education Campus. Caudill said there was "almost 5 feet of water" at one point.

Two cars were caught in the flood — one on the road and one off the

road, according to Caudill. Both were towed away from the scene. He said his department responded to "numerous calls" during the day.

Krein added that rain forecasts over the next few days were expected Monday night to bring more flooding through Wednesday.

"Through Wednesday, we're going to have rain and flooding concerns," Krein said. "Pay attention and make sure ditches are clean. Stay home or turn around and don't drown."