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City of Gulf Shores prepares for heavy rain brought on by Tropical Storm Lee

Gulf Shores, AL – September 2, 2011 - The City of Gulf Shores, in anticipation of Tropical Storm Lee, has begun taking precautionary measures to ensure public safety and protection of property. While the path of Tropical Storm Lee is unclear, the National Weather Service predictions have indicated significant rainfall in the amount of 10-15 inches can be expected.

At this time, the City of Gulf Shores has begun pre-positioning equipment, removing objects from local beaches and preparing to protect low-lying areas by deploying emergency pumps in flood prone areas. The City of Gulf Shores public safety personnel are prepared to react, in the event, of an emergency. Tide warnings are in effect along all area beaches indicating the threat of high surf and severe rip currents. For current surf conditions, call (251) 968-TIDE (8433).

Residents living in low-lying areas should expect heavy rainfall and localized flooding and should begin taking precautionary measures to protect themselves and their property. Anyone experiencing flooded roadways or conditions can contact the Gulf Shores Police Department at (251) 968-2431.

City officials advise all citizens to monitor the storm and take appropriate actions, as necessary, to protect life and property. City officials are urging all citizens to exercise extreme caution when driving in flooded areas. As road conditions can change rapidly, the public is discouraged from driving over flooded roads or around barricades. Please use extreme caution until roads reopen.

For additional updates and information regarding Tropical Storm Lee, citizens are urged to check our website at www.gulfshoresal.gov.

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