

Hurricane FLORENCE

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Key Judgments:

While no direct impact beyond possible severe wind and strong rain, the CSRA could see evacuees straining local resources.

Introduction:

Based on the forecast track of hurricane FLORENCE, an impact of the East Coast could be as early as midweek. It is not clear where the center will make landfall

Background:

GA Governor Deal has not declared a state emergency but "plans to have GEMA stand up the SOC (State Operations Center) on Monday and begin tracking and monitoring (Florence), while coordinating with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and local communities" according to Chris Riley, the governors chief of staff.

Governor Henry McMaster today [Saturday] issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency and, along with the S.C. Emergency Management Division, has urged South Carolinians to prepare for the possibility of Hurricane Florence impacting the state.

Governor Henry McMaster has submitted to President Donald Trump a request for a federal emergency declaration in anticipation of the possible impact from Hurricane Florence.

Sources:

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