



News Release

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No Changes from this morning -- Friday, Feb. 8, 2008 at 4:30 p.m.

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(Photo available upon request of crew in Clinton)

AFC personnel aid in storm damage cleanup

LITTLE ROCK – Arkansas Forestry Commission crews are continuing to provide assistance to tornado ravaged areas as needed. Six dozers from Pope, Johnson, Logan, Yell and Franklin have been dispatched to the storm damaged areas in Atkins.

Summary of Thursday's cleanup efforts

Crews from Pope and Johnson Counties are aiding cleanup efforts in Atkins, and the Sharp County Crew is in Highland. The Van Buren County Ranger is providing assistance with coordinating cleanup in Van Buren County, and an AFC law enforcement officer is providing assistance at the command center in Stone County. Rangers in Conway County are assessing timber damage in the area.

As cleanup efforts continue, Arkansas Forestry Commission personnel are available to assist forest landowners who have suffered losses to timber stands as a result of Tuesday's storms.

Landowners concerned about damages incurred to timber stands on their property should first visit with their local AFC office, or contact a consulting forester to assess damage and determine the options available to them. Many landowners may feel a sense of urgency to salvage what they can right away. However, it's important they receive the best management advice for their timber. To learn more, visit the Arkansas Forestry Commission web site at www.forestry.state.ar.us, or call (501) 296-1940.

Summary of Wednesday's cleanup efforts

AFC personnel from Sharp County worked until 12:30 a.m. Wednesday clearing roadways for emergency access, and crews from Searcy, Stone and Newton Counties provided assistance near the community of Herpel. The Conway County Ranger aided in clearing roadways in Conway County until 2 a.m., and the Van Buren County Ranger assisted with search and rescue operations throughout Tuesday night.

Pope County crews worked in the Atkins area, and three other crews from surrounding counties were on standby. Baxter and Marion County crews aided clean up efforts in Gassville, and a chain saw crew was dispatched to the Clinton area.

The Randolph County crew cleared roadways in the area, and Izard and Independence County crews worked to clear roads in Izard County. The Perry County crew was been dispatched to provide assistance in Van Buren County.

Stone County crews and the Newton County Forester provided assistance as needed to affected areas in the county, and the Searcy County crew was aiding efforts in Van Buren County. The Pulaski/Perry County Forester also provided assistance in Conway County.

Crews in Conway, Faulkner, Pulaski, and Van Buren counties were on standby to provide assistance where needed.

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