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Jackson County's Preparedness and Response to Tropical Storm Debby

Jackson County, FL – In response to the evolving situation with Tropical Storm Debby, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners has executed a Local State of Emergency (LSE). This proactive measure is taken out of an abundance of caution, as the National Weather Service (NWS) indicates that a westward shift in the storm's path remains possible.

Jackson County will serve as a Logistical Staging Area (LSA) for storm response assets. This includes the following preparations:

- Airport Area: Designated for the storage of materials and equipment essential for storm response.
- Medical Strike Teams: These teams are being routed to Jackson County Fire Rescue Stations and Chipola College for housing and readiness.

Residents are urged to maintain situational awareness of the storm's path over the next 12 to 24 hours. Rest assured, Jackson County is well-prepared and ready to respond as needed, and all necessary precautions are in place to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

Please continue to stay vigilant for updates throughout the weekend. For the latest information from the US National Weather Service Tallahassee Florida, visit weather.gov/tae. Additionally, sign up for Alert Jackson to receive severe weather alerts specific to Jackson County at https://member.everbridge.net/453003085614788/login.

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