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Severe Weather Threat for Jackson County This Weekend: Residents Urged to Stay Alert

Jackson County, FL – The **National Weather Service (NWS)** in Tallahassee has issued an urgent weather alert for the Florida Panhandle, warning of a potentially dangerous severe weather event late Saturday into Sunday morning. A broken line of severe thunderstorms is expected to push through the area, bringing a significant threat of **strong (EF2+) long-track tornadoes, damaging winds, large hail, and heavy rainfall**. The overnight timing of this storm increases the risk, as residents may be asleep when warnings are issued.

Key Safety Recommendations:

- **Stay Alert to Changing Weather Conditions** – Continue monitoring weather updates and have a plan in place.
- **Have Multiple Ways to Receive Alerts** – Ensure you have emergency alert apps, and wireless emergency alerts activated on your phone. Battery-powered or backup devices are highly recommended in case of power outages.
- **Be Prepared to Take Shelter** – Identify the safest location in your home (interior room, lowest level, away from windows) and be ready to move quickly if a tornado warning is issued.
- **Stay Off the Roads** – Travel should be avoided during the predicted impact timeframe unless absolutely necessary for emergencies. High winds, heavy rain, and potential debris could create hazardous driving conditions.
- **Secure Outdoor Items** – High winds could cause unsecured objects to become hazardous projectiles.
- **Prepare for Power Outages** – Have flashlights, extra batteries, and emergency supplies ready in case of prolonged outages.

County Preparedness and Updates:

Jackson County officials and emergency response teams are actively monitoring conditions and are prepared to respond as needed. Updates will be provided through official channels if there are significant changes to the forecast or emergency conditions.

For real-time updates, visit the National Weather Service Tallahassee at <https://www.weather.gov/tae/> or follow Jackson County Board of County Commissioners on social media.

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