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Toombs County Government Inclement Weather Plans

(January 08, 2019). According to the National Weather Service, December 2019 was the 8th wettest on record and December 13th rain broke a record that was established in 1907. The National Weather Service has issued a Flood Warning until further notice for the Ochoopee and Altamaha Rivers. Both rivers are well above flood stage. Current predictions are for rains beginning Saturday at 80% and continuing for the next seven (7) days at 20%-50%.

The Toombs County Public Works Department has been working on clearing all possible drains thorough out the county road system. The expected wet conditions will prevent Public Works from their regular and normal maintenance of the dirt road system. Placing heavy road equipment on the roads in this condition only compounds the problem. As soon as conditions allow, the Public Works Department will begin the process of repairing the damage and returning the roads to their normal condition as soon as possible. We thank everyone for their patience in this matter.

Chairman David Sikes noted, "Our first concern is the safety of our citizens and insuring they are safe in their homes. As we evaluate the damage caused by the anticipated rains, we encourage our friends and neighbors to use their best judgment when traveling for the next week. This level of rain creates havoc on the dirt road system and why the county is seeking to pave as many of the 360 miles of dirt roads as financially possible. In the last five (5) years the county has paved eighteen (18) roads. We will continue to work toward increasing that number."

Should any citizen notice a hazardous road condition caused by the storm, please report that directly to the Commissioners' office at 912-526-3311 or after hours to 911.

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