

Arizona Severe Flooding – Gila County September 27th, 2025

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Governor's Press Release Posted on Website on 09/27/2025:

"The governor to hold a press conference later today to address key updates

Gila County, AZ - Governor Katie Hobbs has declared a State of Emergency for Gila

County following catastrophic flooding caused by severe monsoon storms. The
governor's declaration will deploy critical state resources to support ongoing search and
rescue operations, manage hazardous conditions, and aid recovery efforts for
communities devastated by the disaster.

The declaration will release \$200,000 from the Governor's Emergency Fund, with the Arizona Division of Emergency Management coordinating these efforts. Governor Hobbs has authorized the rapid deployment of the Arizona National Guard to support efforts in Gila County as necessary. Statewide and interstate mutual aid, including assistance from Nevada has been activated to bolster local law enforcement, fire, EMS, and search and rescue teams.

"I'm heartbroken by the devastation in Gila county, my thoughts are with the families who have lost loved ones and the residents whose lives have been impacted," said Governor Katie Hobbs. "This declaration is a commitment to the people of Gila County that Arizona will deliver every resource available to help. We will continue to work around the clock to ensure communities throughout Gila County that have been impacted by devastating flooding have the support they need to protect life and property."

Prior to this declaration, the state delivered the following support to assist ongoing efforts:

• **SEOC activation:** The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) is activated at a Level 1 with 24-hour staffing from 20 agencies and more than 45 personnel.

- **Search and rescue:** Over 70 personnel from six different county Sheriff's Offices and DPS are engaged in search and rescue operations.
- **HAZMAT response:** Six HAZMAT teams from eight agencies, including mutual aid from California, are addressing hazardous materials incidents.
- ADOT Support: More than 25 ADOT staff and crews have supported with road clearance.
- Aviation Support: DPS Ranger and DPS UAS are deployed for aerial search and rescue, with AZNG aviation on standby.
- 911 Dispatcher Support: DPS and Az APCO dispatch teams are providing relief to 911 centers in Gila County.
- State Liaison Officers: State liaison officers were deployed last night to support the county's Emergency Operations Center.
- State Incident Management Assistance Teams (IMAT): A six-person IMAT team, with staff from DEMA, Maricopa County, and Coconino County EM agencies, is supporting the Gila County EOC.
- Agriculture Response Team: Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) personnel are assessing reports of deceased and unsecured livestock.
- Law Enforcement Support: DPS has deployed a 13-officer detachment to support law enforcement backfill and increased call volume in the county.
- Joint Information Center (JIC): The JIC is activated with representatives from DEMA, ADOT, DPS, APS, NWS, ADA, Gila County, and ADEQ.

Governor Hobbs strongly urges all residents to follow official information sources for updates on evacuation status, road closures, and public safety advisories."

The text of today's Emergency Declaration for Gila County can be found here.

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These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at <u>Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211</u>.

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

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Please visit the website and click on "*Disaster Declarations*". If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: <u>Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov</u> to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

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Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: Search Your Location | FEMA.gov

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National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: Active Alerts (weather.gov).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

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Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at https://www.liveandworkwell.com.