ICYMI – FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell Urges Preparedness for Hurricane Henri

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WASHINGTON -- Today, FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell appeared on Good Morning America, CNN and MSNBC to encourage people to prepare for Hurricane Henri and discuss FEMA's readiness to assist northeastern states that may be impacted by the storm.

FEMA is closely monitoring Hurricane Henri, has staged resources in various regions and remains in coordination with partners across the interagency to best support states in the storm's path.

FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell joined Good Morning America urging people to stay informed ahead of this storm and prepare to be without power.

"The first thing everybody needs to do is stay vigilant," she said. "You need to listen to your local responders. You need to listen to your local officials and take their advice of what they're asking you to do. This area has seen a lot of rain over the past several weeks, so I'm concerned about the stability of the trees. We probably will see several trees go down, which is going to lead to power outages across the area."

Administrator Criswell then joined MSNBC's Medhi Hasan to discuss the agency's readiness efforts.

"We've been coordinating with our states for several days now, as we watched the path of this storm. We have moved a lot of resources into the area," she said. "Things like food and water, generators. We have swift water rescue teams in the region. We are prepared and in place, ready to respond to the needs of the



impacted states."



Administrator Criswell then told <u>CNN's Christi Paul</u> about commodities and resources available and urging residents in the area to be prepared to help their communities following the storm.

"We have been in contact with all of the states that are in the path of this storm. We know what their preparedness actions are, and we've also begun moving resources into this area," Criswell said. Things like food, water, generators, some of our incident management assistance teams to help lead the coordination after the threat has passed. We have them strategically placed across the region, so we can respond quickly after the storm has passed.

