

Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2024

Statement on Hurricane Helene Response and Recovery Efforts

October 6, 2024

Since before Hurricane Helene made landfall, my administration has mobilized an intensive Federal response to ensure impacted communities have the resources and support they need. As part of that ongoing commitment, and in response to Governor Cooper's request for additional support, today I ordered another 500 Active Duty troops with advanced technological assets to move into western North Carolina and assist with the response and recovery efforts. With a total of 1,500 troops now supplementing a robust on-the-ground effort—including more than 6,100 national guardsmen and more than 7,000 Federal personnel—my administration is sparing no resource to support families as they begin their road to rebuilding.

Additionally, I have been briefed on Tropical Storm Milton as it strengthens across the Gulf of Mexico and the work my administration is doing to preposition lifesaving resources in advance of the storm. I urge all residents in Florida to listen to local officials and make preparations as needed.

As these communities brace for potentially yet another catastrophic storm, and as part of my administration's solemn obligation to stand with impacted communities as they rebuild their lives, we will continue working hand in hand with local and State leaders, regardless of political party and no matter how long it takes.

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