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Joint Base Charleston damage assessment underway, no personnel recalled at this time

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON, S.C. – Joint Base Charleston officials have begun assessing damage caused by Hurricane Matthew that began on Oct. 7, 2016 on both the Air Base and Weapons Station. We have trees damaged, power outages, lots of debris and some minor damage to buildings that we have found so far.

Evacuated JB Charleston personnel will be notified to return to the base in **two separate announcements** within the next few days. Please be patient, wait for future announcements and do not return to your homes at this time.

Announcement #1 will be for pre-identified personnel on Recovery Teams to return to the Joint Base. No dependents or pets are authorized to return with the service member.

Once the base is safe and can support the full population, **Announcement #2** will be for all other personnel to return to the Joint Base. This announcement will lift the Limited Evacuation Order and will authorize all families to return.

Information will be updated on www.charleston.af.mil and www.facebook.com/teamcharleston.

If you have not yet accounted for yourself and your family members, please go to your respective service's Accountability system to input your status. Directions are posted on the JB Charleston Facebook page at www.facebook.com/teamcharleston and refer to the Limited Evacuation Order.

Travel routes and bridges may have been compromised by storm damage. Additionally, there are reports of widespread power outages, loss of basic utilities and road closures in local communities. You can find information on road closures at <http://www.scdot.org/>.

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Additionally, local counties have declared curfews in the area. For information on curfews, please refer to local media. Currently, unincorporated areas of Dorchester County and Charleston County to include the city of N. Charleston and City of Charleston has a curfew from 8 p.m.-8 a.m. The city of Mount Pleasant and Berkeley County is Midnight- 6 a.m.

Stay posted for reports from local media outlets on recovery progress and the latest instructions issued by civil authorities and the Governor's office.

Joint Base officials estimate recovery actions will continue for several days. The Joint Base is working to restore power and communication outages, and reopen the airfield. First responders and civil engineers are working diligently to return the base to operational status.

Joint Base leaders, first responders, emergency and security personnel rode out the storm and monitored the effects through its Crisis Action Team (CAT) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC), composed of the base's senior leaders and functional area experts. The CAT is the focal point for all major decisions regarding Joint Base activities, and the EOC prepares the base for recovery efforts after a hurricane or other natural disasters. There were no reported injuries at the Joint Base during the storm.

Base personnel, their families and residents can call the 628th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Straight Talk line at (843) 963-5581 for up-to-date hurricane condition information. Official updates will be provided via www.facebook.com/pages/teamcharleston or www.charleston.af.mil. Personnel should also continue to monitor local news for updates on the storm.

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