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Statement for those affected by Hurricane Ian

September 30th, 2022

Cuplet Fern Members-

Powerful storms like Hurricane Ian create widespread wind and water devastation. Many emergency management organizations such as the Red Cross, FEMA, and local authorities are working hard to make sure people get the help they need as quickly as possible.

Disaster relief workers are on the ground and hundreds more are on the way from different states. Before impacts were felt, emergency response vehicles were pre-positioned. Restoration of power and roadways remain within their scope of top priorities. As conditions slowly improve, response efforts will expand as evacuation centers transition to emergency shelters with more robust services.

Be safe and listen to the advice of emergency officials. If you need help, reach out to trained professionals by calling 911. If you need a safe place to stay, find open shelters on [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

You can also find shelters at [floridadisaster.org](https://www.floridadisaster.org) or by following your local county and city officials on social media or monitoring local news for information. Dial 311 if you need transportation to an emergency shelter.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: The road to recovery has just begun. To help those affected by Hurricane Ian, visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org), or call 1-800-RED CROSS. To contribute through Florida First Lady Casey DeSantis,

Our statewide mission is the conservation, preservation, and restoration of Florida's native plants and native plant communities



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please visit FloridaDisasterFund.org or text DISASTER to 20222. Every gesture towards helping people in need matters.

As the renewed hurricane heads towards the Carolinas, the Southeast will confront dangerous weather conditions in new areas attributable to this storm.

On behalf of the Cuplet Fern Florida Native Plant Society Board of Directors, stay strong. We are with you. Our members and supporters take inspiration from the resiliency of our native plants. Our awareness and stewardship of Florida's precious ecosystems reverberates profoundly in our mission statement now more than ever.

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