

January 2019 Activity Report

A summary of planned activities this month.

CANADA

British Columbia

- Severe Wind Storms (Dec. 2018): Monitoring damage and effects of power outages. No requests for DRS services at this time.

UNITED STATES

Alaska

- Earthquake (Dec. 2018): Area representatives continue to meet with the state emergency response personnel.

California

- Fires (November 2018): Many organizations are planning, working, and responding together. Regional managers continue to meet with FEMA and other response organizations, offering available services as recovery progresses.

Florida

- Hurricane Michael (2018): Attending a recovery meeting in Bay County this month, and monitoring recovery efforts in affected counties.
- Hurricane Irma (2017): The new DRS-facilitated reconstruction site opens in LaBelle, hosting group mission trips now through April. Regional managers are monitoring recovery efforts across the state. DRS is still receiving requests for needs assessments. There are five one-week groups this month, repairing Irma damaged homes in LaBelle and Citrus County.

Georgia

- Hurricane Irma (2017): Continuing to talk with with several counties still recovering from Hurricane Irma to see how DRS can support their efforts.
- Hurricane Michael (2018): Regional managers are in Albany, preparing for a needs assessment schedule for February.

Illinois

- Tornado (Dec. 2018): Regional managers are connecting with recovery leaders and offering services to support local efforts.

Louisiana

- Flooding (2016): Volunteers are back at work after the holidays at the DRS-managed reconstruction site in Hammond.

Mississippi

- Flooding (2016): There are two one-week groups repairing flood damaged homes in Hattiesburg.

North Carolina

- Hurricane Florence (2018): Working with several communities on recovery efforts. Several communities will be ready for reconstruction volunteers in this New Year. Regional manager is visiting with recovery groups in North Carolina. There is a one-week group in New Bern this month repairing homes damaged by the hurricane.
- Hurricane Matthew (2016): The DRS-managed reconstruction site in Tarboro resumes work this month after being closed for the Holidays.

Puerto Rico

- Hurricane Maria (2017): Home reconstruction continues. Back to back teams of volunteers are building homes in Aguada January through April. Regional and project managers are on the island this month meeting with new recovery groups to talk about DRS and to explain our services.

South Carolina

- Hurricane Florence (2018): On regular VOAD calls, offering long-term recovery support to communities where needed.

Texas

- Hurricane Harvey (2017): The new DRS-managed reconstruction site in Dickinson is open after being closed for the holidays and volunteers are resuming home repairs. There are two one-week groups in Houston and Dickinson this month, repairing hurricane damaged homes.
- Flooding (2015): The DRS-managed reconstruction site in Rio Grande Valley will continue through mid-February, at which time DRS work there will be completed.

Wisconsin

- Storms (2018): Connecting with recovery leaders and offering services to support local efforts.

Washington

- Tornado (Dec. 2018): DRS regional manager for the state is attending meetings and conference calls regarding the recovery efforts after an unusual tornado hit Western Washington.