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State of Emergency Declared in Parts of Sverdlovsk Region Over Severe Storms and Flooding

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First responders bring people to safety after severe flooding in the Sverdlovsk region. **Russian Emergency Situations Ministry**

Severe flooding across several communities in the Sverdlovsk region has prompted local authorities to declare a state of emergency after heavy rains caused widespread power outages, submerged roads and forced some residents to evacuate.

The latest wave of heavy rainfall and thunderstorms struck the Ural Mountains region last Friday, knocking out electricity for more than 10,000 people across 25 towns and villages.

Governor Denis Pasler said that swelling river levels are flooding highways and have washed out or damaged multiple bridges.

Regional traffic police reported that nearly 100 road sections have been submerged, a stark contrast to the roughly 10 sections they said are typically affected during the annual spring

flooding season.

Road access was cut off to at least 27 towns and settlements, authorities said.

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Videos shared by local news outlets showed emergency responders evacuating residents from flooded areas using tractor buckets.

The regional branch of Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said six municipal districts that collectively account for roughly 40% of the region's population had declared a state of emergency as of Tuesday.

A seventh municipality, the Irbitsky district, has been under a state of emergency since the weekend, with the town of Irbit issuing its own local declaration on Tuesday after Russia's national weather service warned that a nearby river would rise to dangerous levels.

"The precipitation is gradually receding, but flooding in certain populated areas and infrastructure sites continues," Governor Pasler said Monday.

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