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LONGMONT FIRM MONITORS HEAVY RAIN EXPECTED FROM FRANCES

LONGMONT, CA: OneRain, Inc. continues to help clients on the east coast monitor heavy rains expected from Hurricane Frances. Florida water management districts, counties, cities, and even the Kennedy Space Center are depending on the firm's services. Although the storms Category 4 winds have diminished, storm movement has slowed, meaning even heavier rainfall is expected. Upwards of two feet of rain could fall in parts of Florida over the holiday weekend. This could bring devastating inland flooding to areas still recovering from Hurricane Charley and then to Alabama, Georgia, and other areas of the southeast that have suffered through a wet summer and a series of tropical rain events.

According to the National Hurricane Center, nearly 60% of deaths associated with tropical storms and hurricanes are caused by inland flooding due to the heavy rainfall but only 12% are due to high wind.

Yet another big storm may be on the way to the southeastern US as Tropical Storm Ivan gains strength in the eastern Atlantic. Ivan is expected to gain hurricane status over the weekend.

OneRain is also keeping an eye on Pacific Hurricane Howard. The storm is weakening remnants of the storm could impact the still sensitive burn areas of San Diego and San Bernardino Counties in southern California next week.

OneRain uses data from a nationwide network of Doppler weather radars and local rain gages to estimate rainfall anywhere in the United States. OneRain can pinpoint areas of localized heavy rainfall that often escape detection by conventional rain gage networks alone.

Every five minutes, OneRain receives approximately 20 million radar rainfall estimates from across the U.S.; one rainfall estimate for every 250 acres. OneRain then combines rainfall estimates derived from radar with observations from rain gages on the ground. The result is accurate high-resolution rainfall estimates that can be used directly in a variety of applications including flood forecasting, stormwater management and hydrology studies.

"Hurricane Frances is a large storm. Its size and slow movement means that heavy rain will linger for a long time and result in huge rainfall accumulations," reports Dr. David Curtis, Chief Rainmaker at OneRain. "Charley moved fast and didn't leave much rain behind. However, Tropical Storm Gaston moved very slowly and dumped 15 inches of rain in the Richmond, VA area," Curtis added.

Serving clients across the U.S., OneRain provides high-quality data to customers who need accurate rainfall information to make high-value decisions. For more information, visit the OneRain website at www.onerain.com.



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