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October 5, 2017 Debris Collection Update

Vegetative storm debris continues to be collected by contractors and County staff at multiple locations throughout Hardee County.

The County's contractor, Crowder-Gulf, continues collecting in the incorporated areas of Bowling Green, Wauchula and Zolfo Springs. Currently using 6 loaders and 13 trailers these crews have collected approximately 10,000 cubic yards of vegetative debris. This contractor has been hampered in getting additional trucks and equipment due to the widespread destruction caused across the State of Florida by Hurricane Irma and the widespread demand for a limited number of debris collection trucks and equipment..

The County road staff has 3 crews collecting in the unincorporated area of the County. With 3 loaders and 7 trucks, staff has collected over 500 tons of vegetative debris. The remaining County road crews are addressing damaged roads and drainage.

There have been a few telephone calls from residents concerned about piles of vegetative debris not being collected by the various collections crews. These piles were skipped for two reasons, either the pile was not in the road right-of-way or the pile was contaminated with plywood, lumber or wooden furniture.

Residents are asked to please remember that FEMA rules require that vegetation, demolition, white goods (appliances), electronics, and hazardous materials must

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be separated in distinct piles and that these piles must be placed in the public road or street rights-of-way. Also, FEMA rules prohibit collection of these wastes from business and commercial entities.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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