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State Farm Offers Support in Eastern Kentucky *Donation of \$5,000 to aid relief efforts in wake of severe weather*

Pikeville, Ky July 28, 2010 — State Farm is making a \$5,000 contribution to the Big Sandy Area chapter of the American Red Cross after severe flooding destroyed hundreds of homes in eastern Kentucky. State Farm is the largest insurer of homes and autos in Kentucky and the nation. “Our hearts go out to the people whose lives have been affected by the devastating flood waters. Our greatest concern is for the safety and well-being of everyone affected. This funding is meant to assist the Red Cross in its efforts to provide food, clothing, and shelter to the families in need,” said Ken Heidrich, Vice President - Agency for State Farm.

The severe weather struck eastern Kentucky on Saturday, July 17, triggering flooding and mudslides. Since then the Red Cross has been providing emergency assistance to residents in Pike, Carter, and Lewis counties. More than 100 volunteers are currently onsite, coming from all over Kentucky and 14 other states.

As soon as safely possible, policyholders should inspect their homes and automobiles for damage and contact their State Farm agent to begin the claims process. Most homeowner policies do not cover flood damage. However, individuals should visit with their agent about specific questions regarding their policy. As for vehicles, if policyholders carry comprehensive coverage on their automobile/recreational vehicle policy, then the direct, sudden damage to the vehicle resulting from a flood would be covered under the terms of most policies.

There is help for those without insurance or those who are under-insured. President Obama has issued a major disaster declaration, making Pike County eligible for federal disaster assistance. Anyone who has uninsured or under-insured losses in Pike County may complete an online application at www.disasterassistance.gov or apply by phone by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) or TTY 800-462-7585 for people with hearing and speech disabilities. The toll-free numbers are available seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., until further notice.

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