



NORTH CAROLINA

Department of Transportation



Hurricane Florence Impacts to Rail Network

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NCDOT Rail Division

- Promotes the safe and efficient movement of people and goods on North Carolina's railroads through freight, passenger and safety programs, supporting job creation and economic growth.
- 49 Full-time Employees
- Core functions:
 - Statewide Rail System Planning
 - Rail Safety Programs and Education
 - Freight Rail System Investment for Economic Growth
 - Passenger Rail Services



Rail Division Response

- NCDOT Rail Division is a member of NC Emergency Management's State Emergency Response Team.
- The Rail Division:
 - Acts as point of contact and facilitator with North Carolina railroads before, during and after events
 - Coordinates passenger service suspensions
 - Issues daily Rail Status Report during events
 - Coordinates with railroads on restoration of service after an event





Impacts on Class I Railroads: CSX

- Service south of Rocky Mount suspended Sept. 13
- Significant sections of track and bridges were flooded and covered with debris
- Many washouts, thousands of trees down
- Anson County derailment occurred due to major washout
- Service to all lines was restored by Sept. 26 except Wilmington line
- Service to Wilmington Port will resume once Wilmington line work is complete



Impacts on Class I Railroads: Norfolk Southern

- Service east of Raleigh suspended Sept. 13
- Multiple washouts have been repaired
- Downed trees and debris removed from tracks
- Boats were removed from Neuse and Trent rivers railroad bridges at New Bern
- Service was restored to the Port of Morehead City on Sept. 22
- All lines were back in service by Sept. 27



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Impacts on Short Lines

- Most eastern short lines suspended operations Sept. 13
- Flooding, washouts, downed trees and debris on tracks
- Damaged signals, equipment, tracks, bridges and some buildings
- Most lines were back in service and interchange service with Class I RRs anticipated to be fully restored by end of September





Impacts on Passenger Service

- To protect public safety, Piedmont and Amtrak long-distance service halted Thursday, Sept. 13
- *Carolinian* and *Piedmont* between Raleigh and Charlotte resumed service Sept. 18
- *Carolinian*, New York to Charlotte service resumed Sept. 19
- *Crescent*, New York to New Orleans service resumed Sept. 19
- *Silver Meteors*, New York to Florida service resumed Sept. 23
- *Palmettos*, New York to Savannah service resumed Sept. 25
- *Silver Star*, New York to Florida via Raleigh service resumed Sept. 27
- No NC train stations were damaged by Hurricane Florence