Cultural Resources Emergency Support Team

STATEWIDE RESPONDERS
26 DNCR COLLECTIONS EXPERTS FROM MUSEUMS, ARCHIVES, LIBRARY, AND ARTS COUNCIL

Regional Support
2-3 additional in each region

Conservation Support
All DNCR + 2-3 in private practice
CREST Provides:

- Hands-on workshops in collections care
- Triage and recovery assistance after a disaster
- Hands-on assistance with writing and maintaining a disaster plan
- Supplies and resources
- FEMA, CERT & ICS training,
- Developing professional peer networks
CREST members worked to get collections righted and air drying after Hurricane Dorian at Waterman’s Museum in Ocracoke, NC.

**CREST = Variety of Assistance**
CREST and MACREN members working to set up air drying spaces.

Water heater failure flooded Special Collections at Pack Library in Asheville, NC.

CREST helping with salvage at Lees McCrea College Archives. Frozen pipe burst and rained onto collections in Banner Elk, NC.
CREST set up artifact recovery information stations at FEMA Disaster Centers after Hurricane Matthew, Lumberton, NC.

CREST helping clean up graffiti on Juduculla Rock in Sylva, NC.

CREST members trained air drying techniques to the AMY County Library Friends group so they could continue the salvage efforts after a pipe break flood in Burnsville, NC.
CREST called on partners from the Museum of the Albemarle, State Historic Preservation Office, and State Historic Sites to lend their expertise at the Windsor Craftsman & Farmers Museum after 2016 flooding caused by Hurricane Matthew, Windsor, NC.
CREST = Network and Attention
AREA CULTURAL RESOURCES EMERGENCY RESPONSE NETWORKS (ACRENS) CAN SHARE:

- Quick assessment of staff and supply needs
- Recovery labor force
- Bulk purchase supplies sharing
- Recovery equipment loans
- Store back-up files as mutual aid
- Vendor recommendations
Preservation Pails

“These are handy, portable, and are the essentials to get recovery efforts started. Everyone needs a jump start once in a while. These Preservation Pails are just that, a jump start for our collection recovery and by spreading them out, our small effort will make a big difference.”
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