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Vermont Outdoor Business Alliance

Dear Vermont outdoor businesses and organizations - First and foremost, we hope your families, neighbors, and employees are safe.

As you know, Governor Phil Scott has [declared a State of Emergency](#) in

Vermont due to severe rainfall and flooding across the state and the Vermont Emergency Management Center is deploying resources. If you are currently in a situation that needs immediate support, [Vermont 211](#) is the most direct way to reach state emergency management officials, and as always, report any emergencies to 9-1-1.

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) is working to keep apprised of what communities and businesses are experiencing as an evolving situation and/or in terms of severe damage.

State Emergency Management officials will be working with FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration on a disaster declaration which will allow for federal assistance in repairing damage from this storm. In the days ahead and when it is safe to do so, **it important to document any damage and estimate the cost of damage to outdoor recreation businesses and infrastructure to help the state's disaster declaration criteria.**


If you are in a position to share what you are experiencing or hearing from the outdoor recreation community, VOBA is a liaison with ACCD and will be reporting outdoor sector needs and impacts to inform the ongoing response and recovery. VOBA will be conveying available resources through our communications.

For outdoor recreation business - related impacts, provide information and/or direct questions to Kelly Ault from VOBA at kelly@vermontoutdoorbusinessalliance.org or call/text 802-272-0795.


For outdoor recreation infrastructure - related impacts, provide information and/or direct questions to Nick Bennette from the Vermont Mountain Bike Association and the Vermont Trails and Greenways Council at nick@vmba.org.

As the State shifts from emergency first response to economic and community recovery, ACCD will continue to keep VOBA and other partners informed to support recovery efforts statewide in the days ahead.

In the meantime, stay safe!

 **Jeb Wallace-Brodeur** is at **Onion River Outdoors**.
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[@kip_roberts](#) wades through rising water in the basement of [@onionriveroutdoors](#) in Montpelier on Monday. Dozens of community supporters rallied to help move inventory to higher ground as river levels continue to rise.



The Winooski River overtaking Richmond.



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