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Chairman Josh McKoon Statement on the Wildfires in Brantley County

ATLANTA, GA — Georgia Republican Party Chairman Josh McKoon today released the following statement regarding the wildfires impacting Brantley County:

“Our hearts are with the families in Brantley County who have suffered loss, displacement, and uncertainty as these wildfires continue to affect their community. We are grateful for the strong leadership being shown on the ground by local officials, first responders, and community leaders who are working together under difficult circumstances to protect lives and support those in need. We also want to thank the firefighters, law enforcement officers, forestry crews, emergency personnel, and volunteers serving this community with courage and professionalism. Local churches and community partners have already stepped up to support displaced residents, including Twin Rivers Baptist Church, while shelters and a relief station remain open for those forced to evacuate.

In the days ahead, we encourage all Georgians who want to help to follow official updates from Brantley County and support vetted relief efforts serving affected families. Monetary donations remain the most effective way to help disaster survivors, according to Georgia emergency management officials. Georgians looking to support relief efforts can give through the American Red Cross, review Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency guidance on donations and volunteering, and work through vetted disaster-response organizations rather than self-deploying into the area.

For Brantley County residents in need of immediate assistance, shelters are currently available at the Brantley County Library, Methodist Church in Nahunta, Little Memorial at Browntown and Highway 32, and Hortense Church of God of Prophecy, with a relief station at Nahunta First Baptist Church. In addition, U-Haul is offering 30 days of free self-storage and U-Box container use for wildfire evacuees in Brantley County through participating locations, including Brunswick.

The Georgia Republican Party stands with Brantley County and will continue to pray for all those affected as the community moves forward.”



Official local updates

- [Brantley County Emergency Management Agency \(EMA\)](#) — official county emergency page.
- [Sign up for Brantley County official alerts](#) — county alerts sign-up page.
- [Georgia Forestry Commission Public Viewer](#) — real-time Georgia wildfire and smoke map.

Ways people can donate or volunteer

- [Donate to American Red Cross disaster relief](#) — direct Red Cross donation page.
- [Volunteer with the Red Cross in Georgia](#) — Georgia volunteer page.
- [Georgia Emergency Management donations and volunteer guidance](#) — state guidance on the best ways to help after a disaster.
- [Red Cross Georgia local chapter locations](#) — local Red Cross chapters and contact points across Georgia.

Help for displaced families

- [U-Haul disaster relief for wildfire evacuees](#) — 30 days of free self-storage and U-Box use for affected evacuees, including Brantley County.

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