

Gate City, VA – Scott County, Virginia, has declared a Local Emergency in the Cliff Mountain area of Duffield in Scott County, Virginia, for six homes on Blackgum Lane in response to collapsed wells. The affected wells failed in November 2019 creating a humanitarian and public health crisis. Since that time Scott County Emergency Management has delivered bottled water every two weeks or else made it available for the residents to pick up, the Duffield Fire Department has hauled water to a collection tank on a weekly or semi-weekly basis, and the Scott County Public Service Authority has made efforts to seek funding to extend a water line to that area with no success. The County requested the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy to investigate the situation and the Department has been unable to determine the cause of the wells going dry.

This DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO LACK OF WATER FOR RESIDENTS ON BLACKGUM LANE is made in accordance with Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia.

Contact Jeff Brickey, Coordinator of Emergency Management at 276-386-6521 if additional information is needed.

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