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**Local representatives to discuss flood's impact on the Gulf Coast
WSRE will air "Connecting the Community Special: After the Flood"
LIVE Thursday at 8 p.m.**

Pensacola, Fla. — WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast, will broadcast a special, one-hour "Connecting the Community" this Thursday, May 8 from 8-9 p.m., which will address the effects of recent flooding in the area.

This special episode of "Connecting the Community," moderated by Jeff Weeks, will provide citizens the opportunity to get information about the current flooding situation, where to find help and resources, transportation issues and what the next steps are for recovery.

Local representatives from United Way, the American Red Cross, Escambia and Santa Rosa County emergency management and first responders will be among the panel of guests.

Viewers are encouraged to email questions now to questions@wsre.org for the panelists to address during the show. Questions may also be phoned in during the broadcast and one hour prior by calling 850-484-1223 or toll-free at 1-800-239-WSRE (9773).

In addition to broadcasting on WSRE-TV, the program will stream live on NewsRadio 1620. It will also be available to watch after the broadcast at www.wsre.org or www.facebook.com/wsreTV.

About WSRE, PBS for the Gulf Coast

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