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## **OUTER BANKS AREA STILL CLOSED, BUT MUCH OF AREA SHOULD GET MAIL DELIVERY**

**Customers asked to clear access to mailboxes as delivery  
resumes for most areas hit by Isabel**

Greensboro, NC -- Eager to deliver on its commitment to serving its customers regardless of circumstance, the Postal Service announced that it will be delivering mail today to areas impacted by Hurricane Isabel. In the interest of safety for both customers and letter carriers, the Postal Service is also reminding customers to provide safe, clear access to their mailboxes.

"The Postal Service's history is one of delivering the mail regardless of weather conditions," explained David Fields, Manager for the Greensboro District that delivers mail to the Outer Banks along with the northern half of North Carolina. "We are committed to keeping the mail moving following blizzards, earthquakes, tornados, blackouts or any other disasters. Hurricane Isabel and the floods she brought are not an exception."

Fields said delivery will be made to areas where roads are passable and flooding has receded. Some areas, however, will still be without mail delivery on Friday. Looking at a map of North Carolina, areas not receiving service today include the majority of Post Offices north and east of Atlantic Beach to the Virginia border. This area, beyond Highway 12 along the entire Outer Banks, also includes many post offices along Highway 64 from Roper to Manteo; Highway 158 from the Virginia border to the Outer Banks; Hwy 264 east of Belhaven; and, parts of Hwy 17 along the Albemarle Sound. Mail delivery to those areas will resume as soon as emergency officials open these areas.

"Many of our post offices in these areas have back-up generators that permit them to open for business as soon as emergency officials allow us to return," he added. "The safety of our employees is our first concern. As soon as we can safely deliver the mail we will be there for our customers."

Fields added that customers should listen to their local radio stations for announcements concerning mail delivery in these areas.