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Crews recover body of Comal County flood victim

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NEW BRAUNFELS — After a two-day, multi-agency search, crews have recovered the body of David Bruce Giller, age 52, who was washed into Rebecca Creek by floodwaters on Friday morning.

Giller was last seen heading to work at 7 a.m. Friday, and crews began searching after his vehicle was found unoccupied Friday evening. Teams from Bulverde/Spring Branch Fire and EMS, Comal County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and several other local agencies conducted an intensive search through rugged terrain until Giller's body was recovered Sunday afternoon. He is the only known fatality in the county from Friday's flash flooding.

The flood along the Guadalupe River and Cibolo Creek watersheds has caused more than \$1 million in damage, a total likely to rise as property owners continue to submit reports, said Jeff Kelley, emergency management coordinator. Thus far, damage estimates include only damage and debris clearance for public areas. Economic damage to businesses along River Road, which was hit hard by the flooding and has been closed since Friday, has been reported at \$1.5 million and likely will double, Kelley said.

Comal County residents with damage to their residences should submit a report online by visiting co.comal.tx.us/flooding.htm.

"We want to make sure we have an accurate assessment of the damage done in Comal County so we can make as full a report as possible to the state," Kelley said. "If flooding has caused damage to your residence, we want to know about it."

At the peak of the flooding Friday morning, an estimated 14,000 homes were isolated by floodwaters,

Kelley said, of which about 200 were affected by flooding, including more than 40 that suffered major damage.

After being closed all weekend, River Road was reopened Monday morning, although a low water crossing just north of Loop 337 has been closed because water continues to flow across it. Although the road is now safe for vehicles, drivers are urged to use caution and go slowly; water and debris remain on the roadway in several places, and the approach to the second crossing has received temporary repairs.

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