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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Hendry County Opening Evacuation Shelter At** **Upthegrove Elementary School**

**(September 9, 2017 9am) – LaBelle, Fla.** – Hendry County has opened Upthegrove Elementary School for additional shelter in LaBelle for residents needing to evacuate to safety from Hurricane Irma beginning at **10am, Saturday, September 9, 2017.**

Upthegrove Elementary School is located at **280 Main St. LaBelle, FL 33935.**

**Due to the mandatory evacuation in the eastern portion of the County, there will be NO shelters open in Clewiston.**

Evacuating to a shelter should be a last resort as there is limited space available in the shelters.

Residents needing to evacuate are strongly encouraged to go to Upthegrove Elementary School due to the high volume of evacuees in other shelters.

Shelters in western Hendry County are:

- **Country Oaks Elementary School 2052 NW Eucalyptus Blvd LaBelle, FL**
- **Labelle High School 4050 E. Cowboy Way LaBelle, FL (FULL)**
- **Labelle Middle School 8000 E. Cowboy Way LaBelle, FL**
- **Upthegrove Elementary School – 280 Main St. Labelle, Fl. 33935**
- **Special Needs Shelter – West Glades School, 2500 S Co Rd 731 SW, LaBelle, FL 33935**

As a reminder to the public, the mandatory evacuation zone includes all of the **City of Clewiston, Hookers Point, Harlem, Flaghole, Montura Ranch Estates and the**

**communities located within the Mid-County MSBU which includes Ladeca, Pioneer Plantation and Leon-Dennis Subdivision (Al Don Farming Road).**

All evacuees are encouraged to take all important, personal documents and identification.

The County has set up a hotline for residents to call for information regarding, evacuation, shelters, transportation and all other related concerns.

- **Hendry County hotline number: [863-674-5410](tel:863-674-5410).**

Hendry County officials are in constant communication with State officials to continue monitoring the storm and will update the public as information becomes available.

For Hendry County updates, residents are encouraged to visit [www.preparehendry.com](http://www.preparehendry.com) and follow us on social media through our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts.

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***(Please feel free to contact us for an interview, discussion or questions.)***