



Post-Hurricane Milton Update #21

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Good evening,

I am writing with an important update about debris pick-up and removal within the South Seas island properties.

As we shared last week, FEMA awarded a contract to a hauling company to begin removing debris from the island.

Unfortunately, today the Office of the Lee County Manager informed us that applicable FEMA guidelines classify South Seas as commercial property and that, under those same FEMA guidelines, removal of debris from commercial property is ineligible for reimbursement. As a result, FEMA is not currently providing funding for debris removal from within the gates of the resort.

The County Manager Office further explained that, when Hurricane Ian hit the island, the Florida Division of Emergency Management issued a waiver to these FEMA guidelines, which enabled FEMA funding for debris pick-up and removal.

Needless to say, this news was an unwelcome surprise. Our team is now working diligently with federal, state, and local officials to try to secure the same waiver that was issued after Hurricane Ian. While we are working with the county, if you desire to share your concerns about this decision, here is the contact information for the county official who alerted us to this decision:

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The more we join together to advocate with the County Manager Office, the more effective we will be. This is obviously a critical aspect of the South Seas island properties recovery effort and a high priority for all of us. We will be back in touch to update you as soon as we have news to share.

Have a good weekend,

Greg Spencer

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