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Collecting Institutions: Prepare for Impact from Hurricane Dorian

WASHINGTON, DC—Hurricane Dorian is currently bringing heavy winds and rain to the US Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The storm is expected to strengthen in the coming days and will likely bring more extreme conditions to the mainland, with expected impacts in Florida and other parts of the southeast US over the Labor Day weekend.

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation (FAIC) offers free emergency response assistance to cultural organizations impacted by the event. Please help ensure that staff members of collecting institutions are aware of these resources:

- Information on disaster recovery and salvage for impacted collections can be found online at www.culturalheritage.org/resources/emergencies.
- The National Heritage Responders, a team of trained volunteer conservators and collections care professionals, are available to provide advice on the phone via a free 24-hour hotline at 202.661.8068.
- National Heritage Responders are also available to conduct pro bono on-site assessments and provide guidance on salvage. Call the hotline (202.661.8068) to request assistance.

Collecting institutions are encouraged to do all that they can to stabilize collections before the storm hits, while also making sure that response contact lists and resources are ready to use, should the institution be affected.

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The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation's (FAIC) mission is to save cultural heritage for future generations, protecting it from decay and destruction. We advance research and education, lead treatment and collection care initiatives, and deploy conservation expertise to where it is most urgently needed. Our work empowers conservation professionals, strengthens cultural institutions, and engages stakeholders, including public audiences, as we work together to protect cultural heritage for humanity.