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Sen. Luann Ridgeway, Rep. Ryan Silvey, and Rep. Nolte Visit Northland Areas Damaged by Storm

JEFFERSON CITY — Following last night's destructive storm, which spawned tornadoes and hurricane force winds and caused severe damage to many buildings, trees and power lines, Sen. Luann Ridgeway (R-Smithville), along with Reps. Ryan Silvey (R-38) and Jerry Nolte (R-33), spent the day surveying the damage in the Kansas City area.

"My primary concern is for Missouri families and their safety," Sen. Ridgeway said. "Last night's storm wreaked havoc on North Kansas City, Gladstone and Liberty, causing severe damage to property, but thankfully, no one has been reported seriously injured."

Sen. Ridgeway and her colleagues spent the day in the Kansas City area discussing the state's emergency operations plan and devising how state resources can best be utilized to help Missouri families affected by the storm. The senator is closely monitoring the documentation that is needed to ensure that Missourians are getting the assistance they need in light of the significant property damage.

"I applaud the efforts of those who are assisting with clean-up and relief efforts," Sen. Ridgeway said. "We are doing what we can to speed up the process and make sure that whatever is needed, whether it be funds or volunteers, gets to the right place and the right people."

Sen. Ridgeway urges those who need resource referrals or non-emergency help to call 211, the statewide assistance hotline. An update on state relief efforts will take place on Monday, with details to follow.