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Statement from Agriculture Commissioner Andy Gipson on Proposed Plan to Mitigate Flooding in the South Delta

JACKSON, Miss. – Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce Andy Gipson gave the following statement regarding the announced plan to mitigate flooding in the South Delta.

I am encouraged by the proposed water management solution presented today to mitigate flooding in the South Delta. The plan announced today is a positive step in the right direction. The construction of the much needed Yazoo Pumps will benefit our farmers and all citizens in the Yazoo Backwater Area of Mississippi, who have been impacted by flooding over the years devastating local economies and natural resources.

I want to thank the U.S. Department of Army, Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Department of the Interior for their swift action in developing this plan. I would also like to thank Senator Hyde-Smith and Senator Wicker for their leadership in keeping this issue on the forefront. I look forward to reviewing the final plan on June 30. The people of the South Delta have been and continue to be the leading voices for resolving these problems, and I encourage them to continue to make their voices heard as the project moves forward.

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