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### Hurricane Ike rebuilding effort gets boost with mobile GLO office *Questions about 4.5-foot line, FEMA buyouts, permits and more get answers*

**AUSTIN** — Coastal homeowners with questions about the 4.5-foot line of elevation, FEMA buyouts or other permitting issues can get answers at the General Land Office's mobile Hurricane Response Information Unit, which will be on scene in Bolivar Peninsula November 21 to November 25, excluding Sunday, November 23.

“Having this mobile command post pull up in the neighborhood means help is on the way for coastal home owners,” said Jerry Patterson, Commissioner of the Texas General Land Office. “It will be as if the Land Office has set up shop in their backyard, ready to help with permits and rebuild.”

The Land Office's Hurricane Response Information Unit will set up shop from noon to 4 p.m. Friday, November 21 at the Galveston County Annex at Crystal Beach, located at 946 Noble Carl Road. The unit will be staffed with Land Office coastal experts ready to answer questions and armed with handouts, maps and other valuable information.

The Land Office's Hurricane Response Information Unit will be at still-to-be-determined locations in Galveston County from December 4-6, and in Brazoria County from December 11-13.

Deployment of the Hurricane Response Information Unit is just the latest effort by Patterson to help coastal homeowners rebuild after Ike. Last week, Patterson released GLO Earth, a Google Earth-based application that shows how the upper Texas coast looked before and after Ike. GLO Earth also shows where the new 4.5-foot line of elevation is, making crucial information easily available for coastal property owners, wherever they may be.

This line — which marks where the elevation is 4.5-feet above mean sea level — will be used to determine where new construction is allowed on the coast. As additional surveys are done on the ground, this 4.5-foot elevation line will be shown on GLO Earth for the rest of the Upper Texas Coast that was impacted by Ike.

GLO Earth is available on CD or on-line on the GLO Hurricane Response page at [www.GLO.state.tx.us](http://www.GLO.state.tx.us) at the Hurricane Ike Shoreline Assessment link.

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