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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## GLO mobile information unit back in Bolivar, open Saturday only

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 back in Bolivar on Saturday, April 18.

The trailer will be at Gulf Coast Market The Big Store, 2385 Highway 87, Crystal Beach, and will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday only.

Deployment of the Hurricane Response Information Unit is just the latest effort by Patterson to help coastal homeowners rebuild after Ike. Last fall, 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 <a href="https://www.GLO.state.tx.us">www.GLO.state.tx.us</a> at the Hurricane Ike Shoreline Assessment link.

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