

President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for West Virginia

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced today that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of West Virginia to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides from July 28 to July 29, 2017.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Harrison, Marion, Marshall, and Wetzel counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding is available to state and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides in Doddridge, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Randolph, Taylor, Tucker, Tyler, and Wetzel counties.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Steven S. Ward has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Ward said additional designations may be made at a later date if warranted by the results of damage assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated area can begin applying for assistance tomorrow by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362). Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY,



should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (local time) seven days a week until further notice.

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