Disaster Recovery Center and Mobile Registration Centers Open in Yellowstone County

Helena, Mt. – FEMA will open both a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) and Mobile Registration Intake Centers (MRICs) across Yellowstone County. All locations can help homeowners, renters, and business owners affected by June's severe flooding.

A Disaster Recovery Center, jointly operated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Montana Disaster and Emergency Services, will open on Wednesday, Aug. 3. Representatives from FEMA, the Small Business Administration and other agencies will be available at the center to explain disaster assistance programs and help eligible survivors apply for aid.

The Disaster Recovery Center will be open at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 3 at:

Yellowstone County

United Way of Yellowstone County

2173 Overland Ave., Billings, MT

The DRC will operate from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Saturday (closed on Sundays).

Several Mobile Registration Intake Centers are also coming to the area. These locations will have Disaster Survivor Assistance teams onsite assisting with applications, inquiries, updates, and referrals. Two upcoming MRICs include:

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Laurel Fire Department



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215 W. First St., Laurel, MT

Monday, Aug. 1 – Thursday Aug. 4

The MRIC will operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Yellowstone County

Worden Fire Station

2463 Main St., Worden, MT

Friday, Aug. 5 – Tuesday, Aug. 9 (Closed on Sunday)

The MRIC will operate from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It is not necessary to go to a center to apply for assistance. If possible, before going to a Disaster Recovery Center you should apply for assistance with FEMA online or by calling. You can do so in several ways:

- Visit DisasterAssistance.gov and click "Apply Online"
- Call 800-621-3362. Multilingual operators are available. The toll-free numbers are open every day from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. MDT. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned phone, or others, give FEMA the number for that service.
- Download the FEMA App for smartphones or mobile devices

For an accessible video on how to apply for FEMA assistance, go to youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw.

FEMA financial assistance may include money for temporary housing, basic home repairs or other disaster-related needs such as childcare, transportation and medical, funeral or dental expenses.

Low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) are available for homeowners, renters, businesses and most private nonprofits to help with real estate and personal property damage as well as business losses not covered by insurance. Returning the application does not require you to accept an SBA loan but is necessary to be considered for other forms of disaster



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assistance. After registering with FEMA, survivors and businesses may apply online at SBA's secure website <u>https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela</u>; or obtain information on SBA disaster loan applications by calling 800-659-2955 or online at <u>www.sba.gov/disaster</u>. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

For more information about FEMA's support to Montana's flooding and severe storms recovery, visit <u>4655 | FEMA.gov</u>. Follow the FEMA Region 8 Twitter account at *https://twitter.com/femaregion8*



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