President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for West Virginia

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced today that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of West Virginia to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides from Aug. 28-30, 2023.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Boone, Calhoun, Clay, Harrison and Kanawha counties.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, lowinterest 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 also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Jeffrey L. Jones has been named Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at <u>www.DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, by calling 1-800-621-3362 or by using the <u>FEMA</u> <u>App</u>. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.



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