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President Obama Signs Oklahoma, Missouri and Tennessee Major Disaster Declarations

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The President today declared major disasters exist in the States of Oklahoma, Tennessee and Missouri and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the areas struck by severe winter storms in Oklahoma and Missouri during the period of January 26-28, 2009, and by winter storms and flooding in Tennessee during the period of January 27-31, 2009.

Oklahoma:

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 winter storm in the counties of Adair, Cherokee, Delaware, and Hughes.

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

Douglas G. Mayne has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected area.

FEMA said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Missouri:

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 winter storm in Bollinger, Butler, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Dunklin, Howell, Madison, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, Stoddard, Stone, Taney and Wayne Counties.

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

Thomas A. Hall has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected area.

FEMA said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

Tennessee:

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 winter storms and flooding in the counties of Dyer, Henry, Lake, Montgomery, Obion, Stewart, and Weakley.

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

Terry L. Quarles has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for Federal recovery operations in the affected area.

FEMA said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the State and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE DECLARATIONS CONTACT: FEMA (202) 646-4600.

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