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**President Obama Makes Additional Disaster Assistance Available to North Dakota**

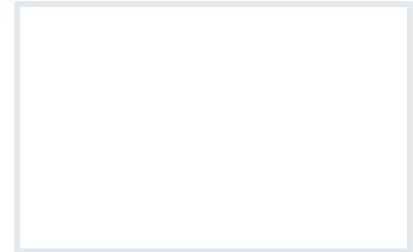
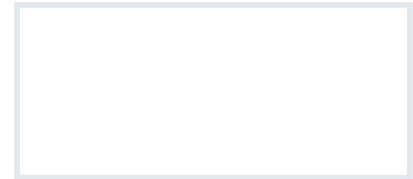
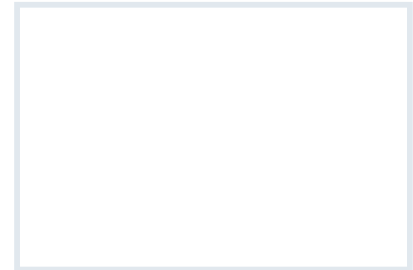
The President today made additional disaster assistance available to the State of North Dakota by authorizing an increase in the level of Federal funding for Public Assistance projects undertaken as a result of severe storms and flooding during the period of March 13 to August 10, 2009.

Under the President's major disaster declaration issued for the State of North Dakota on March 24, 2009, and subsequent amendments, Federal funding was made available to the State and local governments in multiple counties for Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation. Public Assistance, Hazard Mitigation, and Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 were authorized at 75 percent Federal funding of total eligible costs.

Under the President's order today, the Federal share for Public Assistance, including direct Federal assistance, has been increased to 90 percent of the total eligible costs.

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