



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Needs Assessment To Be Conducted In Idaho County Following Spring Flooding**

*Two Idaho counties have State Disaster Declarations*

**BOISE** – Needs Assessment Teams will be in Idaho County this weekend gathering information from residents affected by spring flooding. Community and Tribal members in the Kooskia, Stites, Clear Creek, and the upper Clearwater area, are encouraged to share flood-related damage information with team members. This will help officials ascertain the most effective response and recovery efforts.

Earlier this week Governor Brad Little signed a State Disaster Declaration for both Idaho and Adams County in response to significant damage caused by spring flooding. A state disaster declaration makes state matching funds available to assist counties with emergency response and repair efforts of publicly owned facilities.

In addition to a Needs Assessment Team the county is also working with IOEM and multiple state and federal agency partners to coordinate a Multi-Agency Resource Center (MARC). The MARC is a resource for the community that matches up the right agency, and their resources, with community or Tribal members affected by flooding. The MARC will be available to community and Tribal members **Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 PM – 8:00 PM PST** at the Kooskia City Hall in Kooskia, Idaho.

The Idaho Emergency Operations Center (IDEOC) remains activated at Level III in support of Idaho and Adams Counties. For a daily statewide synopsis of issues relating to current state declarations, please visit the IOEM website. <https://ioem.idaho.gov>

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**High water can cause significant hazards. Residents are reminded to avoid low-water crossings and not attempt to cross water-covered roads.**

***“Turn Around Don’t Drown.”***