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## Payette County Included in State Disaster Declaration

**BOISE** – Payette County has been added to a State Disaster Declaration signed by Idaho Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter. Record snowfall has led to widespread roof collapses on both commercial structures and residences in the communities of Payette, New Plymouth and Fruitland in Payette County and Weiser, Midvale and Cambridge in Washington County.

Local officials say snow removal remains a priority. A State Disaster Declaration ensures that all necessary state resources are made available for recovery efforts.

Payette County residents and business owners can report roof collapses and potentially compromised structures by calling (208) 642-6004 or email payettecountyaid@payettecounty.org

The Idaho Emergency Operations Center (IDEOC) remains activated at Level 1 due to winter storm hazards throughout the state. Ada, Adams, Canyon, Cassia, Custer, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, and Washington counties now have disaster declarations in effect.

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