

## **NEWS RELEASE Idaho Office of Emergency Management**

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## Ada & Boundary Counties Included in State Disaster Declaration

**BOISE** – Ada and Boundary Counties have been added to a State Disaster Declaration signed by Idaho Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter. Six Idaho counties are now included in the declaration: Ada, Boundary, Canyon, Custer, Payette and Washington Counties. Record snowfall has led to depletion of snow removal resources and widespread roof collapses on both commercial structures and residences. A State Disaster Declaration ensures that all necessary state resources are made available for recovery efforts.

The Idaho Emergency Operations Center (IDEOC) remains activated at Heightened Awareness due to winter storm hazards throughout the state. In addition to the snow related damage, counties in western and eastern Idaho are now managing snowmelt related flooding issues.

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