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Businesses Encouraged to Report Impacts of Winter Flooding

BOISE – The State of Idaho is seeking information from small, non-agricultural businesses in Bingham, Cassia, Elmore, Franklin, Gooding, Jefferson, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka, Twin Falls, and Washington Counties whose operations and ability to conduct business were disrupted by the extraordinary flooding beginning February 5, 2017 through March 3, 2017. This information will determine whether impacted businesses would be eligible for disaster assistance in the form of low interest loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

The unprecedented flooding that occurred caused widespread destruction including severe damage to local and state infrastructure creating treacherous travel conditions and disruption to ordinary business functions throughout the area. The flood event led to a State Disaster Declaration signed by Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter February 10, 2017.

The State of Idaho is requesting small businesses located in the eleven counties to complete the SBA Economic Injury Worksheet. Businesses impacted by the flooding who may not elect to receive the low interest loans are still encouraged to submit worksheets so the full impact of the disaster to the area can be determined.

The worksheet may be found on the Idaho Commerce website at <http://commerce.idaho.gov> (Scroll to Popular Downloads). Forms can be downloaded and sent by fax to 208.422.3044, by email to jdick@imd.idaho.gov or mailed directly to:

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If approved, the assistance will be in the form of direct low interest loans from the SBA. Businesses located in contiguous counties, or counties within the region that provide goods and services to businesses in the eleven counties may have experienced significant economic impact and are also encouraged to submit worksheets as soon as possible.

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