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President Biden Approves Disaster Declaration for Idaho

BOISE, ID – President Joe Biden has approved the State of Idaho’s Major Disaster Declaration to help three Idaho counties and areas affected by a severe storm in April that brought substantial damage.

The counties covered in the Presidential Disaster Declaration include Idaho, Lewis, and Shoshone Counties. Conditions from the April 14-15 severe storm included flooding, landslides and mudslides. A Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment conducted by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM), and local representatives in April confirmed the total damage across the three counties surpassed \$6.6 million.

“The approval of the Presidential Disaster Declaration request is a crucial step toward helping the affected areas rebuild and recover from April’s severe storm,” said Governor Brad Little.

The President’s approval authorizes public assistance federal funding, such as the Public Assistance (PA) Program, to the state, local, and tribal governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storm, flooding, landslides and mudslides in the three counties.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide, such as the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The Grant Program provides funding to state, local, and tribal governments to develop hazard mitigation plans and rebuild to reduce or mitigate future disaster losses in their communities.

“The spring flooding wreaked havoc, causing devastating damage in these areas,” said IOEM Director Brad Richy. “This funding will be critical for infrastructure repairs. IOEM is committed to working alongside FEMA to support local jurisdictions’ recovery efforts and help them rebuild stronger.”

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