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Federal Officials to Partner with State to Assess Flood Damage in Michigan’s Western Upper Peninsula

LANSING, MICH. Gov. Rick Snyder today requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) conduct a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) with state and local officials to review damages and response costs caused by heavy rainfall and flooding on June 16-17 in Gogebic, Houghton and Menominee counties.

This request was granted by FEMA and is the next step in the process of asking for federal assistance.

“We are committed to exploring all options to help our residents in the affected counties,” Snyder said. “A joint assessment confirms reported damages, which is a critical step to make our case for federal assistance. This is part of the procedure in the potential request of a Presidential Disaster declaration.”

The joint PDA teams will be comprised of personnel from FEMA, the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD), local governments and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Joint PDA teams are expected to begin gathering information in impacted communities as early as next week. They will spend several days collecting estimated response and recovery costs with a focus on the number of damaged roads, buildings, displaced individuals and threats to health and safety.

State and local officials are providing assistance in the affected areas and remind residents and business owners to exercise caution as they continue with the cleanup process.

About the Disaster

Gov. Rick Snyder declared a state of disaster for Houghton and Menominee counties on June 18 and for Gogebic County on June 21, due to severe weather and widespread flooding on June 16-17, making available state aid and assistance to communities in the disaster area. By declaring a state of disaster, the State of Michigan makes available all state resources in cooperation with local response and recovery efforts in the disaster area as outlined in the Michigan Emergency Management Plan. The declaration authorizes the MSP/EMHSD to coordinate state efforts.

The public is encouraged to monitor local media for up-to-date weather reports and emergency information. For updated information and additional safety tips, follow the MSP/EMHSD on Twitter at [@MichEMHS](https://twitter.com/MichEMHS) or go to www.michigan.gov/miready. For additional information on flooding in the western Upper Peninsula visit www.michigan.gov/emhsd.

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The SEOC is the emergency operations center for the state of Michigan. Located in Lansing, the SEOC is overseen by the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and coordinates response and recovery efforts by state agencies and local government. The SEOC is staffed by members of state agencies for decision making and information coordination during disasters or emergencies in the state of Michigan.

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