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Baring Disaster Recovery Center Closes This Week

LACEY, WASH.- The first of eight Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) is scheduled to close Saturday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. The King County Baring DRC opened Jan. 4 for Washington residents seeking information about their individual disaster assistance cases.

The Baring DRC is located at:

King County

Baring Fire Training Facility
64100 NE Index Creek Rd.
Baring, Wash.

After Jan. 13, applicants for disaster assistance who would like to meet with DRC personnel may visit any of the other seven DRCs throughout the declared counties. DRCs will still be open in Granite Falls, Issaquah, Kelso, Monroe, Packwood, and Puyallup. See the table for specific locations.

State, federal and voluntary agency representatives will continue to staff the remaining DRCs and provide one-on-one service for applicants who have already registered at the Federal Emergency Management Agency's toll-free tele-registration number **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, and for speech or hearing impaired at **TTY 1-800-462-7585**, or online at www.fema.gov.

"Those affected by the November flooding can continue to meet state, federal and voluntary agency representatives at any of the remaining DRCs," said Libby Turner, federal coordinating officer. "The centers will remain open as long as there is a need."

"Although a DRC may close, both the FEMA Helpline, 1800-621-FEMA, and the state Helpline for personal property, 1-800-688-3469, are just a phone call away for any applicant needing information about their cases," said Kurt Hardin, state coordinating officer.

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SBA representatives are at the remaining DRCs listed below and will continue to meet individually with each applicant to provide assistance in completing their disaster loan application, answer any questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, and accept completed disaster loan applications. For the hours of operation, call the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955. Anyone not able to go to a DRC should call this number for SBA information and assistance or visit the SBA website at www.sba.gov .

<p><u>Cowlitz County*</u> Kelso Train Depot 501 S. 1st Street Kelso, Wash.</p> <p>Jan. 2-6 and Jan. 15-20</p>	<p><u>Lewis County</u> Packwood Elementary 12990 Hwy 12 Packwood, Wash.</p>	<p><u>Pierce County</u> MicrochipTechnology Campus 1111 39th Avenue SE Building A, First Floor Puyallup, Wash.</p>
<p><u>King County</u> Issaquah City Hall – Eagle Room 130 E Sunset Way Issaquah, Wash.</p>	<p><u>Snohomish County</u> American Legion Hall 301 S. Granite Avenue Granite Falls, Wash.</p>	<p><u>Snohomish County</u> Evergreen State Fairground 14405 179th Avenue SE Building 501 Monroe, Wash.</p>

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident, initiates mitigation activities and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA works closely with State and local emergency managers, law enforcement personnel, firefighters, and other first responders. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

SBA is the federal government’s primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes, and private non-profit organizations fund repairs or rebuilding efforts, and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property. These disaster loans cover uninsured and uncompensated losses and do not duplicate benefits of other agencies or organizations.

Disaster recovery assistance is available without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, economic status or retaliation. If you or someone you know has been discriminated against, you should call FEMA toll-free at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or contact your State Office of Equal Rights. If suspicious of any abuse of FEMA programs, please contact the fraud hotline at 1-800-323-8603.

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