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DRCs TO CLOSE IN ELMA AND ROCHESTER, ABERDEEN TO OPEN DRC

Lacey, Wash. – The Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Elma (Grays Harbor County) and Rochester (Thurston County) will close at close of business on Dec. 31 federal and state officials announced today.

Additionally, a new DRC will open in Aberdeen (Grays Harbor County) on Jan. 2, 2008. The hours of operation will be 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. seven days a week until further notice.

Disaster Recovery Centers in the designated counties serve those affected by the severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides that began Dec. 1.

As of Wednesday, Jan. 2 the locations for the Disaster Recovery Centers will be as shown below:

<u>Clallam County DRC</u> Forks Community Center 91 Maple Street Forks, WA 98331	<u>Grays Harbor County DRC</u> Aberdeen Community Center (lower level) 117 E 3 rd Street Aberdeen WA 98520	<u>King County DRC</u> North Seattle Community College 9600 College Way, Main Bldg. Seattle, WA 98103
<u>Kitsap County DRC</u> Old WA DMV 4841 Auto Center Way Bremerton, WA 98312	<u>Lewis County DRC</u> Yard Birds Mall, 2 nd floor 2100 N. National Ave. Chehalis, WA 98532	<u>Mason County DRC</u> Theler Community Center 22871 NE State Route 3 Belfair, WA 98528
<u>Pacific County DRC</u> Pacific County EOC 300 Memorial Drive South Bend, WA 98586	<u>Snohomish County DRC</u> Former Long's Drug Center 3815 196 th Ave., SW. Suite 109 Lynnwood, WA 98036	

DRCs provide residents an opportunity to meet face to face with representatives from state and federal agencies to find answers to questions they may have about the recovery process. People should register with FEMA before coming to the DRC. Some phones and computers are available at the DRCs for those without access.

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Individuals can register for assistance by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for those who are hearing or speech-impaired. **The FEMA application line is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time seven days a week, until further notice.** You can also register online at www.fema.gov.

SBA representatives are at all Disaster Recovery Centers to meet individually with each resident or business owner to answer any questions about SBA's disaster loan program, help them complete their disaster loan application and accept their completed applications. Anyone not able to visit a center should call **1-800-659-2955** for SBA assistance or visit the website at www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance.

FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror.

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.

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