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Last Chance to Register for Disaster Assistance for the November 2-11 Flooding More than \$4.25 Million in Recovery Assistance to Date

LACEY, Wash. - Monday is the last day for those affected by the November 2-11 floods to register for disaster assistance from the state or the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) deadline also is Feb. 12.

To date, more than \$4,251,500 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster recovery assistance have been disbursed. Currently, 2,266 people have applied for FEMA assistance and 1,119 applicants for assistance were seen at Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs).

Washington residents or businesses that had losses or damages from the Nov. 2-11 flooding are reminded they must register by 5 p.m. on Feb. 12 by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)**, TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech or hearing impaired, or registering on line at www.fema.gov to be considered for assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved more than \$8 million in low-interest disaster loans to Washington residents and businesses to use for their recovery.

SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Centers are closing. The center in Monroe is closed. The centers in Baring, Issaquah and Kelso are only open until 6 p.m. today. The centers in Granite Falls, Packwood, Sumner and Vancouver are only open until 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12. (See attached table for details.)

The deadline to return SBA applications for property damage is Feb. 12. The toll-free number to contact SBA now or after the centers close is (800) 659-2955.

For small businesses only, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) to help meet working capital needs caused by the severe storms and flooding which occurred November 2-11. This assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. The deadline to return an SBA EIDL application for working capital is September 12, 2007.

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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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DLOC Location	Dates	Days and Hours
<u>Clark County</u> Residence Inn-Board Room 8005 NE Parkway Drive Vancouver, WA 98662	Jan. 22 through Feb. 12	<u>Mondays</u> only Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
<u>Lewis County</u> Packwood Elementary School 12990 Highway 12 Packwood, WA 98361	Jan. 22 through Feb. 12	M through F Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
<u>Pierce County</u> Sumner City Hall 1104 Maple St. Rm. 108 Sumner, WA 98390	Jan. 22 through Feb. 12	M through F Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
<u>Snohomish County</u> American Legion Hall 301 S. Granite Avenue Granite Falls, WA 98252	Jan. 22 through Feb. 12	<u>Mondays</u> only Hours: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.