
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated May 22, 2008, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of South Dakota resulting from a severe winter storm and record and near record snow during the period of May 1–2, 2008, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121–5206 (the Stafford Act). Therefore, I declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of South Dakota.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance in the designated areas; assistance for emergency protective measures (Public Assistance Category B), including snow removal for any continuous 48-hour period during or proximate to the incident period in the designated areas; Hazard Mitigation Assistance for Individuals and Households in Presidential Declared Disaster Areas; 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant; 97.048, Disaster Housing Assistance to Individuals and Households in Presidential Declared Disaster Areas; 97.049, Presidential Declared Disaster Assistance for Housing Operations for Individuals and Households, 97.050, Presidential Declared Disaster Assistance to Individuals and Households—Other Needs; 97.036, Disaster Grants—Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters); 97.039, Hazard Mitigation Grant.

R. David Paulson,
Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

For the Fort Belknap Indian Irrigation Project, the BIA, in consultation with the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, has deferred the rate increase for 2008.

For the other BIA irrigation projects and facilities located on various Indian reservations throughout the United States, we are authorized to establish rates to recover the costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate those facilities. We are notifying you that we have adjusted the irrigation assessment rates at several of our irrigation projects and facilities for operation and maintenance.


Certification
I hereby certify that the renewal of the OCS Policy Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department of the Interior by 43 U.S.C. 1331 et seq.


Dirk Kempthorne,
Secretary of the Interior.

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