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President Approves Governor Brewer's Major Disaster Request *Federal Funding Available for Public Infrastructure Repairs*

Phoenix – Governor Jan Brewer today announced that President Barack Obama approved her Major Disaster Declaration request for Public Assistance in Coconino County.

Gov. Brewer declared a state of emergency in Coconino County after monsoon rainstorms caused recurring flash flooding in communities adjacent to the San Francisco Peaks -- an area scorched by the 15,000-acre Schultz Flood in late June.

“Approval of our Major Disaster Declaration request provides financial support for the restoration of infrastructure in areas impacted by a destructive coupling of wildfire and flash floods,” said Gov. Brewer.

Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) of the area showed that debris removal and public infrastructure repair costs are estimated at \$7.2 million.

Approval of the Public Assistance Grant request means the federal government will reimburse 75 percent of eligible costs, including the completion of emergency protective measures and repair of public roads.

The recovery of homes, businesses and private roads is not an eligible Public Assistance cost. Arizona did not meet damage thresholds for eligibility under the Individual Assistance Program.

The declaration also makes available federal funding to Arizona and local governments for hazard mitigation actions taken to prevent or reduce long-term risk to life and property from future natural or technological hazards.

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