

## 5/21/2003 Moran Supports Disaster Declaration in Meade, Seward, and Stevens Counties

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LIBERAL - Congressman Jerry Moran today encouraged President George Bush to declare a disaster situation for Meade, Seward and Stevens Counties in southwest Kansas after tornadoes ripped through the area last week.

"The destruction caused by the tornadoes in southwest Kansas was significant, and federal assistance is needed to help the victims of this disaster get back on their feet," Moran said. "The people of the area are maintaining a positive attitude and have a desire to rebuild, but the federal government needs to help provide the necessary tools for them to do that."

This week, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius made a request for the federal disaster declaration. This would make residents and businesses of these three counties eligible for various grant, loan and other disaster assistance programs. In addition, in Seward County, the Governor has requested federal public assistance, which would allow for reimbursement to state and local agencies for debris removal, emergency measures and damage to public property.

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