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Winter Weather Leaves Thousands without Power

HUTCHINSON - Congressman Jerry Moran and the Kansas delegation today asked President Bush to declare a federal disaster area for all 105 counties in Kansas. The state is experiencing extensive damage as a result of severe winter storms producing heavy rain, ice, sleet, snow and frigid temperatures that began on Thursday, December 6. A Presidential declaration will provide federal assistance for disaster relief and emergency assistance.

"The damage to date includes wide scale power outages and a great deal of damage to homes and businesses," the delegation wrote in the request. "Over 100,000 people are without power, a great deal more cannot leave their homes and at least four people have died due to icy conditions. Currently, in many parts of the state, Kansans are making do without power and without access to supplies."

This is the second severe winter storm to affect the state in the last year. In addition, Kansans have experienced a late spring freeze, tornadoes and flooding in 2007.

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