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Federal Funds Available to Help Officials Respond to Winter Storm Damage

ABILENE - Congressman Jerry Moran today announced the President has declared an emergency declaration for the State of Kansas. The declaration makes state and local units of government in all 105 Kansas counties eligible to receive federal funds to repair or replace disaster-damaged public facilities and infrastructure. The assistance is available through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"Kansans once again find themselves in the center of disastrous weather," Moran said. "The recent winter storms have caused wide scale power outages and damage to homes and businesses. The federal funds are important in helping communities recover from the winter storm damage."

Today's emergency designation is for Categories A and B under the Public Assistance program, which authorizes FEMA to provide debris removal and emergency protective measures at a 75 percent federal and 25 percent local and state cost-share.

The President's declaration comes after an earlier request today from Moran and the Kansas delegation. 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. More than 120,000 Kansans are currently without power. 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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