

# President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for Mississippi

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced today that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Mississippi to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe winter storms from Feb. 11-19, 2021.

Federal funding also is available to state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storms in Adams, Attala, Choctaw, Claiborne, Copiah, Covington, Franklin, Grenada, Hinds, Jasper, Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Kemper, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Leake, Lincoln, Neshoba, Newton, Noxubee, Pike, Rankin, Scott, Simpson, Smith, Tallahatchie, Walthall, Warren, Winston and Yazoo counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Brett H. Howard has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Howard said additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

