President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. Approves Major Disaster Declaration for New Mexico

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of New Mexico to supplement state and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by wildfires and straight-line winds beginning on April 5 and continuing.

The President’s action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Colfax, Lincoln, Mora, San Miguel and Valencia counties

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-interest loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding also is available to state, eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures, limited to direct federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support in Colfax, Lincoln, Mora, San Miguel and Valencia counties.

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

Sandra I. Eslinger has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made later if warranted by the results of damage assessments.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated areas can begin applying for assistance by registering online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service.