

Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Process for Hurricane Matthew

President Declares a Major Disaster

—October 8—

This declaration makes assistance available to eight Florida counties for emergency work and debris removal in response to Hurricane Matthew.

Assessments are conducted to identify recovery needs beyond the emergency response needs.



Assess, Inform & Report

—Ongoing—

Homeowners, renters and businesses notify local emergency management of damages in their communities and to their homes and property.

FEMA teams pinpoint areas with concentrations of damages for further review by Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Teams.



Joint PDAs FEMA, State, Local

—Ongoing—

PDA teams, comprised of FEMA, Florida and local emergency management, document damages to homes, infrastructure, and businesses.

The information collected by these teams is used to determine if the state has enough resources.



A Decision Is Made

—After PDAs—

If the documented damages exceed Florida's capability to provide assistance, then additional assistance may be provided and announced.

If the documented damages do not exceed Florida's capability to provide assistance, then the state may need to gather more information.