Disaster Recovery Center Opens in Whatcom County

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LACEY, Wash. – FEMA, in partnership with the Washington State Military Department's Emergency Management Division, will open a Disaster Recovery Center at 3 p.m. today, Jan. 21, in Whatcom County to help survivors of the November flooding and mudslides.

Center location:

- **Parking lot, 1208 East Main St., Everson, WA 98247**

Hours are 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Recovery specialists from FEMA, the U.S. Small Business Administration and Washington state agencies will be available to help residents of Clallam, Skagit and Whatcom counties, including the Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, the Quileute Nation and other tribes in the three counties, apply for federal assistance and receive information about help available for homeowners, renters and business owners.

It is not necessary to go to a center to apply for assistance. Residents in the designated counties can apply online at disasterassistance.gov, call 800-621-3362, or use the FEMA mobile app. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

FEMA financial assistance may include money for temporary housing, basic home repairs or other disaster-related needs such as childcare, transportation and medical, funeral or dental expenses.

For an accessible video on how to apply for FEMA assistance, go to youtube.com/watch?v=WZGpWI2RCNw.

For more information about Washington flood and mudslide recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4635. Follow the FEMA Region 10 Twitter account at twitter.com/femaregion10.

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