President Donald J. Trump Approves Major Disaster Declaration for the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance is available to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate to supplement recovery efforts in the areas affected by a severe storm and flooding from June 12-16, 2025.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals and families in the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Individuals and families who sustained losses in the designated areas should first file claims with their insurance providers.

Federal funding is also available to the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storm and flooding.

Edwin J. Martin has been named the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected areas. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the Tribal Nation and warranted by the results of further damage assessments.

