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SUBJECT: Federal Assistance Is Now Available to Flood Areas in Mississippi

(Jackson) – Governor Musgrove's request that Attala, Holmes, Leake, Lee, and Neshoba counties be designated a federal disaster area because of the April 3-5 flash flooding has been granted by President George W. Bush and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

This declaration makes federal funding available for Individual Assistance to the counties of Attala, Holmes, and Lee. Programs that are available under Individual Assistance include the Individual and Family Grant Program, Disaster Housing Program, Temporary Housing Program, Disaster Unemployment Assistance, and Small Business Administration Home and Business Loans.

The declaration will also allow the towns and communities in the Attala, Holmes, Leake, Lee, and Neshoba counties to recover 75 percent of their costs in responding to the disaster and the damage it caused to publicly owned facilities and local governments. The Small Business Administration will also provide low-interest loans for public assistance.

"We are urging residents in these affected counties who suffered property damage during the flash floods to register for federal assistance by calling FEMA's toll-free number at 1-800-462-9029," said Robert Latham, Director of MEMA.