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FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL TEAMS CONTINUE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

(Jackson, Miss.) — Preliminary damage assessment teams consisting of local, state and federal officials continue to survey the damage caused by the April 6 storms. These teams are expected to complete their assessments late this afternoon to determine eligible assistance to individuals and businesses.

“We will take the information provided by these joint teams and analyze the damage reports to make a recommendation to Governor Musgrove on Monday,” said Mississippi Emergency Management Agency Director Robert Latham. “We will be reviewing the data to see how Mississippi can receive the most federal assistance for the majority of those citizens affected by the recent disaster.”

The teams are comprised of Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), U.S. Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate (DHS EP&R), Small Business Administration (SBA), and local emergency management officials are conducting preliminary damage assessments (PDA's). These assessments are being performed to confirm the initial damage survey reports conducted by local officials

These teams are staffed by specialists with extensive experience in Human Services. The teams will be surveying the areas of damage and interviewing residents to determine the extent of the disaster on individuals and families.

The teams will not be accepting requests for interviews. All media inquiries should continue to come through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

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