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Governor requests federal public assistance for 6 additional counties

INDIANAPOLIS (March 27, 2009) – Governor Mitch Daniels today requested that President Barack Obama provide federal public assistance for an additional six counties that sustained damage from a severe winter storm that began January 26.

They are: Jennings, Lawrence, Ohio, Posey, Ripley, and Scott counties.

If approved, public assistance would mean that state and local governments and certain non-profit organizations in these counties would be eligible to apply for federal assistance to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and electrical cooperatives.

Fifteen counties already approved for federal public assistance are Clark, Crawford, Dubois, Floyd, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Orange, Perry, Spencer, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington.

Daniels indicated further damage may be identified and reserved the right to request assistance for additional counties.

The damage is a result of a severe winter storm which deposited heavy amounts of snow and ice coupled with high winds and a resultant warm up that caused flooding.

March Damage Reports Continue

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is still accepting damage reports from residents for wind and flooding that began March 8. Hoosiers can report damage by calling 866-210-1925 until 5 p.m. EST today. Reports also may be made online via the IDHS web site at www.in.gov/dhs until Tuesday March 31, 2009. Information collected for damage incurred from the March severe weather will be used to help local emergency management agencies and IDHS preliminarily assess damage to determine if federal assistance can be pursued.

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