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Governor Bullock Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration in Wake of Flooding

HELENA – Governor Steve Bullock has asked President Obama to issue a Federal Disaster Declaration as a result of widespread flooding and ice jams on rivers and streams. A Federal Disaster Declaration would also provide additional resources from the federal government for cleanup and recovery. Federal funds are not able to pay for private property damage.

In his letter to the White House, Bullock highlights the causes of recent flooding including precipitation levels of 150 to 300 percent of normal, cold winter temperatures allowing for thick ice to develop on rivers and streams, and dramatic temperature fluctuations through late winter and into spring.

“Over the last few weeks, many communities have seen the devastating impacts of severe flooding,” Bullock said. “While we continue to work with county and municipal governments to manage the impacts from flooding, a federal declaration would provide additional support to ensure Montana residents are able to quickly recover.”

On March 10, Bullock declared a state of emergency for Montana in response to the flooding.

Bullock’s letter to the President can be found at: [http://governor.mt.gov/Portals/16/04112014/Presidential Disaster request - Montana.pdf](http://governor.mt.gov/Portals/16/04112014/Presidential%20Disaster%20request%20-%20Montana.pdf)

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