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**Mono County Homeowners Impacted by Storm
May be Eligible for Financial Assistance to Support Recovery and Rebuilding**
Disaster Resource Centers Opening in Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes

MONO COUNTY, Calif. (MAY 15, 2023) – On May 2, 2023, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a Notice amending their original Major Disaster Declaration for California (April 3, 2023) to include Individual Assistance for Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes residents impacted by the 2022/23 winter season storms. Mono County individuals, families, or business owners impacted by the recent disaster may be eligible for financial assistance to support recovery and rebuilding.

“We encourage residents and business owners who have experienced damage from the recent storms to visit the Disaster Resource Centers and meet with FEMA and county representatives to determine whether or not they are eligible for assistance,” said Chris Mokracek, Director of the Office of Emergency Management.

FEMA’s Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial assistance and direct services to eligible individuals and households affected by a disaster who have uninsured or underinsured necessary expenses and serious needs. Disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. Instead, it is intended to meet the persons basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

Federal disaster assistance may include:

- Temporary emergency housing or money for home repairs of primary residences.
- Help with medical, dental, personal property, transportation, and disaster-related moving-and-storage expenses.
- Long-term, low-interest disaster loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

These general conditions must be met for an applicant to be eligible to receive assistance:

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified non-citizen.
- FEMA must be able to verify the applicant's identity.
- The applicant's insurance, or other forms of disaster assistance received, cannot meet their disaster-caused needs.
- The applicant's necessary expenses and serious needs are directly caused by a declared disaster.

Mono County has established Disaster Resource Centers in Bridgeport and Mammoth Lakes to assist residents with the IHP application process.

DISASTER RESOURCE CENTERS

Disaster Resource Centers have been setup in Mammoth Lakes and Bridgeport. The Mammoth Lakes center will open Tuesday, May 16th. The Bridgeport center will open Wednesday, May 17th. Both locations will operate Monday through Saturday 9AM – 6PM.

Bridgeport

Bridgeport Memorial Hall
73 North School Street
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Mammoth Lakes

Mono County Civic Center
1290 Tavern Road
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

To apply for IHP assistance click [here](#). Details on FEMA's IHP can be accessed [here](#).