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STATE AND FEDERAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAMS TO CANVASS AREAS HIT BY SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODS

~Officials conducting the formal survey of public infrastructure beginning today~

TALLAHASSEE-Six state and federal recovery teams from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will begin a joint-preliminary damage assessment (PDA) of public infrastructure damages today in Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington counties.

The joint teams will survey the areas impacted by a series of recent severe weather and flood events in the Panhandle. They will catalog the types of damage and estimate the dollar value of the losses. Those numbers will then be transmitted to Tallahassee for review to determine what, if any, federal disaster assistance programs would be applicable.

"Based upon the counties' initial damage reports, we wanted to move forward with the joint assessment," said Deputy Director Ruben D. Almaguer, of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. "We will then review the new data and forward our recommendations on potential federal requests to the Governor."

The joint assessments are expected to take several days to complete. The local schedules are as follows:

Santa Rosa County

Time: 10:00 CST

Santa Rosa EOC

4499 Pine Forest Road
Milton, Florida
Sheryl Brasewell 850-983-5360

Okaloosa County

Time: 10:00 CST

Okaloosa Facilities

1759 South Ferdon Blvd.
Crestview, Florida
Randy McDaniel 850-651-7560

Holmes County

Time: 9:00 CST

Holmes EOC

107 East Virginia Avenue
Bonifay, Florida
Wanda Stafford 850-547-1112

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Walton County

Time: 10:00 CST

Walton County EOC

75 South Davis Street
DeFuniak Springs, Florida
Ed Baltzley 850-892-8333

Washington County

Time: 9:30 CST

Washington EOC

1331 South Blvd.
Chipley, Florida
Lynn Jordan 850-638-6203

Jackson County

Time: 9:30 CST

Jackson EOC

2819 Panhandle Road
Marianna, Florida
Rodney Andreasen 850-718-0008

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www.YouTube.com/FloridaSERT .

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