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#### **(SD)-SD Gets Second Presidential Disaster Declaration**

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PIERRE, S.D. - President Trump has approved South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem's request for a second Presidential Disaster Declaration, this time for the severe storms and flooding that occurred statewide in late May and early June.

The presidential declaration allows federal money to be used to help local governmental entities recover from property damage sustained during.

Noem says South Dakota continues to be battered by heavy rainfall and persistent flooding, so the additional funding will allow impacted communities to continue toward recovery - adding that she appreciates that FEMA and the President recognize the compounding effects of these storms and heavy rain.

South Dakota's first federal disaster declaration came in June for severe winter storms and flooding that affected 58 counties and 3 reservations. This one covers 2 reservations and 25 counties including Fall River, Custer, Pennington, and Meade.

Still more federal help could be coming because the state has two more federal disaster declaration requests pending for storm damage that occurred later this summer.

FEMA officials are now in South Dakota working on the first federal disaster declaration and will continue to work on the second. More details on the process for the second disaster declaration will be announced at a later date.