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**West Virginia Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency to
Perform Damage Assessments Following Catastrophic Flooding**

State, federal, and county emergency management officials alongside the Small Business Administration, will be present in Upshur and Lewis counties to perform Individual Assistance damage assessments this week following flooding that occurred at the beginning of the week.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Emergency Management (WVEMD), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Upshur and Lewis County Emergency Management, and the Small Business Administration (SBA) are scheduled to perform Individual Assistance (IA) joint preliminary damage assessments (PDAs) Upshur and Lewis County beginning tomorrow July 23, 2026.

On July 21, 2026 storms impacted southern counties of West Virginia with heavily reported rain and flooding in Upshur and Lewis counties. Surveys were submitted for damages incurred to homes during this time that has prompted in-person damage assessments in several locations. PDAs are expected to occur in Upshur and Lewis counties starting Thursday with additional counties to follow.

WVEMD and FEMA officials will be alongside local and county emergency management officials to determine the severity of damage to individual and family homes. Homeowners who submitted a survey via Survey123 are encouraged to be aware of officials in the area this week for the foreseeable future.

FEMA's IA program provides relief for homeowners and families who have been impacted during a presidentially declared disaster. These assessments are being performed only to determine if the event will meet the financial thresholds and qualifications for a declaration to potentially be submitted. A disaster has not been declared at this time.

For any urgent or immediate needs locals are encouraged to contact their county emergency management agency or West Virginia Red Cross at 1-800-RedCross (1-800-733-2767).

For more information regarding the assessments or Individual Assistance Process, the West Virginia Emergency Management Division is available at 304-558-5380 or online at emd.wv.gov.

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