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West Virginia Disaster Recovery Centers Reopen Following Closure Due to Weather

With severe weather throughout the region, the FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers were closed to ensure the safety of disaster survivors and staff on August 11, 2026. Today, they will reopen as regularly scheduled.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) alongside West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) opted to close the Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in Upshur and Lewis counties due to severe weather forecasted in the area yesterday, Tuesday, August 11th. As originally scheduled, the DRCs will reopen on August 12, 2026, at 7 a.m. and will remain open until 6 p.m.

Due to severe weather forecasted in the upcoming days, WVEMD and FEMA are encouraging travelers to use caution and sound judgement when traveling in poor weather conditions. Please monitor the weather forecast in your area and follow the guidance of local emergency management agency and officials. Never attempt to cross flooded roads or bridges.

Disaster Recovery Center Operations:

- **Lewis County:** 37 Elizabeth St. Weston, WV 26452
- **Upshur County:** 21 E. Main St. Buckhannon, WV 26201

Centers are open from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

Following the addition of Ritchie and Pleasants county to the major disaster declaration, FEMA, WVEMD and local emergency management officials are working to establish DRC sites in the affected areas. More details will be provided as they are available.

Stay tuned to local news and agencies for further announcements regarding DRCs. If you have any questions, please contact the West Virginia Emergency Management Division at 304-558-5380, online at emd.wv.gov or on the official WVEMD Facebook page.

Residents in Lewis, Pleasants, Ritchie, and Upshur counties are reminded that they can apply for FEMA assistance on DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the helpline at 800-621-3362.

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