



**State of West Virginia
Emergency Management Division**

**2001 Union Carbide Drive,
Building 2000 Box 1P
South Charleston, WV 25303
(304) 558-5380 / Fax: (304) 766-2605**

**Dr. Matt Blackwood
Director**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DATE: August 4, 2026

CONTACT: Ally Curry, *WVEMD Public Information Officer*

EMAIL: julia.a.curry@wv.gov

State of West Virginia to Appeal Disaster Declaration Denial for Boone and Logan Counties

In response to the severe flooding in Boone and Logan counties in June, a federal disaster declaration was requested and has received a denial. The State of West Virginia is appealing the decision to further request financial assistance for the affected counties .

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Following severe storms on June 22-23, 2026, Boone and Logan counties sustained damages as a result of flooding, landslides, and mudslides. The State of West Virginia submitted a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a major disaster declaration seeking funding through the Individual Assistance Program. The State has been notified that the request for IA for Boone and Logan counties have been denied.

Individual Assistance (IA) provides disaster assistance for individuals and households affected by major disasters but requires an approval at the federal level. This request also included Hazard Mitigation (HM) funding, that would unlock financial resources for mitigating disasters in the future.

The State of West Virginia will appeal the denial with FEMA administration.

The State of West Virginia is thankful to the administration for their rapid and expedited approval for a major disaster declaration following the severe flooding in Upshur and Lewis counties late July. This request was approved earlier today.

The State of West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) has thirty (30) days from the denial dated August 3, 2026, to provide supplemental information and justification for the appeal to FEMA. Once received, FEMA will therefore review the appeal and proceed further with an approval or denial to the appeal.

If individuals affected are in need of immediate needs, they are encouraged to contact their local county emergency management office. For any questions regarding the Individual Assistance Program or the appeal, please contact West Virginia Emergency Management at 304-558-5380.

###