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**FEMA GRANTS ADDITION OF 11 COUNTIES
TO FLOOD ASSISTANCE DECLARATION**

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CHARLESTON – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on May 10 granted the state’s request to add 11 West Virginia counties to the original seven in the president’s May 1 declaration of a major disaster.

Thursday’s amendment adds Barbour, Gilmer, Grant, Hardy, Lewis, McDowell, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Putnam, Upshur and Webster counties to the list of those eligible for federal help to repair public facilities damaged by severe storms and flooding, landslides and mudslides that occurred April 14-18, 2007.

President George W. Bush declared this disaster May 1, making municipal, county and state governmental agencies, and certain qualifying non-profit organizations in Boone, Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mingo, Wayne and Wyoming counties eligible for financial assistance with repairs such as road washouts, culvert replacement and debris removal.

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