

DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS QUICK GUIDE



TYPES OF DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS

*PDA = Preliminary Damage Assessment

INITIAL DAMAGE SURVEYS

Goal: Gain situational awareness as soon as safely possible.

Three Categories:

- Completely destroyed
- Partially destroyed
- Minor damage

Critical to gain a quick scope of damages

Completed on 06/16/22 in Park, Carbon, and Stillwater counties.

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PDAs

Focus: Habitability - Can the survivor safely continue to live in the structure?

Five Categories:

- Destroyed
- Major
- Minor
- Inaccessible
- Affected

Determine IA eligibility for the jurisdiction.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE ESTIMATION (SDE)

Applies to homes in a Special Flood Hazard Area where the community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

SDEs estimate the cost of repairing structures and determine eligibility for assistance.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PDAs

The PA Program provides federal funding for disaster-related debris removal and permanent repair work to public infrastructure among other eligible costs.

PA was granted for Park, Carbon, and Stillwater counties. Additional PDAs may allow other counties to become eligible.



WHY IS THIS NECESSARY?

FEMA Disaster Declarations for **Public Assistance** are based on damages meeting pre-determined thresholds on a jurisdictional basis. FEMA's **Individual Assistance** program is based on a combination of factors to show the impact and hardship on community members. These programs allow eligible applicants to seek reimbursement and assistance for damages and some disaster response activities.

If your community participates in the **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)**, certain regulations must be followed, even after a flooding event, in order to maintain participation and benefit from its respective programs.

The current declaration, **DR-4655-MT**, currently includes FEMA Public Assistance and Individual Assistance for **Park, Carbon, and Stillwater** counties. Conducting more damage assessments will help provide support for Individual Assistance eligibility and allow additional counties to be added to the declaration.



ASSESSMENT TEAMS

Teams are conducting multiple types of Damage Assessments at one time (IA and SDE) to limit the amount of time spent with homeowners. They will be made up of state, federal, and local personnel. Some have traveled from other states to come and assist Montana, so you may see many different logos in the community.

Combined Team Make-Up:

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| 1. DNRC Staff | 4. NFIP Expert |
| 2. State IA Specialist | 5. Local Official |
| 3. SBA Representative | 6. Red Cross Staff |



HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Share the MT DES Personal Property Damage Form: <https://des.mt.gov>

Additional Information

FEMA Individual Assistance:
Apply at DisasterAssistance.gov or
call 800-621-3362

US Small Business Administration
(SBA) www.SBA.gov/disaster or call
800-659-2955