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MISSOULA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES CLARIFIES INFORMATION RELATED TO DAMAGE ASSESSMENT FORMS

Missoula County Department of Emergency Services joins the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (Montana DES) in clarifying information related to economic injury and damage report forms for business and individual property owners affected by flooding.

The forms being distributed to individuals in affected areas by Missoula Rural Fire and Sheriff's Office personnel are Montana DES forms that will be collected and submitted to FEMA in an effort to secure assistance. As stated in a news release by Montana DES earlier today, "Montana Disaster and Emergency Services is encouraging any businesses or individual homeowners who suffered economic injury or sustained damages to their property to submit documentation to DES. There is no deadline for filing a report with the state; however, the sooner DES receives the individual property owner damage and economic injury forms, the sooner the damages can be calculated and considered for assistance. With flooding ongoing, it is impossible to say what final damage totals will be. Please be assured that DES wishes to accurately document all flood damage and this effort will be ongoing while the emergency lasts."

Missoula County originally asked for forms to be returned today, June 14th, but has removed the deadline and will continue to accept forms throughout and after the flood event. County residents and business owners affected by flooding can also find the forms on the County's [website](#). Individuals can return completed forms to Missoula Rural Fire and Missoula County Sheriff's Office personnel or drop them off at the County's information desk on the 1st floor of the Courthouse Annex.

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