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May 22, 2025

Acting Regional Administrator Vincent Maykovich  
FEMA Region 10  
Bothell, Washington, 98021

**Subject:** Request for Federal Emergency Declaration

Dear Administrator Maykovich,

I write to you with utmost urgency and concern on behalf of the residents and communities devastated by the recent flooding and severe weather across Southern and Eastern Oregon. The catastrophic impacts of the 2025 Flooding Event, which occurred from March 13 to March 20, have overwhelmed local resources and jeopardized public safety across Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Harney Counties.

The scale of damage is not only undeniable, but also unmanageable without federal assistance. I join Governor Tina Kotek's request that FEMA declare a major disaster for the state of Oregon as result of the floods, landslides, mudslides, and other weather-related events that occurred throughout the storm. The Joint State-FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA), conducted from April 7 to April 30, 2025, identified over \$9.5 million in damages across 25 impacted entities. These costs break down into the following federally eligible categories:

1. Debris Removal (Category A): \$755,807.00
2. Emergency Protective Measures (Category B): \$687,748.00
3. Roads and Bridges (Category C): \$5,445,474.00
4. Water Control Facilities (Category D): \$939,000.00
5. Buildings and Equipment (Category E): \$69,345.00
6. Utilities (Category F): \$1,418,831.00
7. Parks and Other (Category G): \$211,551.00

This disaster resulted in damage that far exceeds what these rural counties can bear alone. It is essential to note that this figure reflects only validated damage and does not yet include long-term recovery needs, environmental hazards, and the socio-economic toll on these vulnerable communities.

The combination of flooding, severe storms, heavy rain, high winds, landslides, and mudslides has left critical infrastructure compromised, roads impassable, and families displaced. Despite the heroic efforts of local emergency management, the situation requires federal coordination and support.

Administrator Maykovich, I respectfully urge you to immediately request a federal emergency declaration from President Donald J. Trump and FEMA. Time is of the essence. A delay in requesting federal support would not only jeopardize the safety and recovery of our citizens but also compound the economic and environmental damage already endured.

We stand ready to support your office in advancing this request and coordinating the necessary documentation. The residents of Coos, Curry, Douglas, and Harney Counties deserve nothing less than the full support of their state and federal government.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter and for your swift action on behalf of Oregonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cliff Bentz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cliff Bentz  
Member of Congress