

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Federal Emergency Management Agency
REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY

OMB Control Number 1660-0009

Expires 06/30/2026

1. Request Date Jan 20, 2026

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2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration.

Washington State

2b. Population (as reported by 2020 Census) or estimated

population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 7,705,281

3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name

Governor Bob Ferguson

4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number

State Coordinating Officer - Stacey McClain 253-512-7071

5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number

Governor's Authorized Representative - Stacey McClain 253-512-7071

6. Declaration Request For: ☒ Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401) ☐ Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501 (a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date End Date
Dec 5, 2025 Dec 22, 2025 or ☐ Continuing

If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Drought ☐ Earthquake ☐ Explosion ☐ Fire ☒ Flood ☐ Hurricane ☒ Landslide ☒ Mudslide
Severe Storm
☒ (rain, high water, wind-driven, rain, hail, lightning) ☐ Snowstorm
(Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) ☒ Straight-Line Winds
☐ Tidal Wave ☐ Tornado ☐ Tropical Depression ☐ Tropical Storm ☐ Tsunami ☐ Volcanic Eruption ☒ Winter Storm
☐ Other (please specify) _____

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

A series of atmospheric rivers impacted Washington state from Dec. 5-22, 2025, bringing widespread heavy rain, gusty winds, and flooding statewide. The state's three largest rivers exceeded historic levels, and 30 other rivers also flooded, leading to significant river, urban, and small stream flooding. Extensive damages were caused by this series of severe atmospheric rivers and related flooding, landslides, high winds, and mudslides. Statewide, 3891 homes were damaged or destroyed, thousands of residents were displaced, approximately 383 rescues were conducted, and over 1,000 individuals were assisted through evacuations affecting over 100,000 people. This historic disaster is of such severity and magnitude that effective recovery exceeds the capability of the state and impacted local governments, and supplemental federal assistance is required.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

As the storm system continued to inundate the state, I issued Emergency Proclamation 25-07 on Dec. 10, 2025, proclaiming a State of Emergency throughout the state and directing the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan to be implemented. I also activated the National Guard and the State Guard. I signed amended Emergency Proclamation 25-07.1 on Dec. 16, 2025, to add a statutory waiver, allowing for individuals to receive additional assistance from the state Family Emergency Assistance Program and authorizing the state Disaster Cash Assistance Program, administered by the state Department of Social and Health Services. To further support recovery efforts, I allocated \$2.5 million of the Governor's Emergency Assistance Fund to the state Emergency Management Division to deliver the state's Individual Assistance program and provided \$1 million to the state Department of Social and Health Services for the state Disaster Cash assistance program.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

☒ Individual Assistance Dates Performed Requested Dec 12, 2025 Start Dec 15, 2025 End Jan 7, 2026

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

☐ Public Assistance Dates Performed Requested _____ Start _____ End _____

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

On January 6th, the state of Washington requested a thirty day extension to request a major disaster declaration as a result of severe storms and flooding that affecting Washington from 5-22 December 2025. On January 15th, FEMA approved the extension until February 18th, 2025.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance ☐ N/A ☐ Individuals and Households Program ☐ Crisis Counseling Program ☐ Disaster Unemployment Assistance

☒ All ☐ Disaster Case Management ☐ Disaster Legal Services ☐ Small Business Administration (SBA) Disaster Assistance

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation).

Chelan, Grays Harbor, King, Lewis, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom Counties.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Lummi Nation, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Puyallup Tribe, Quinault Indian Nation, Samish Indian Nation, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe, Snoqualmie Indian Tribe, Squaxin Island Tribe, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Tulalip Tribes and Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.

Please see **Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)			
Public Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> Debris Removal (Category A)	<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Protective Measures (Category B)	Permanent Work (Categories C-G)* <input type="checkbox"/> (not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)
<p>For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.</p> 			
<p>For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).</p> 			
<p>Please see Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance for additional information in support of this request*.</p>			
Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity			
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.</p> <p>I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.</p>			
Request for Direct Federal Assistance			
<p><input type="checkbox"/> I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:</p>			
<p>a. I request the following type(s) of assistance: Federal Voluntary Agency Liaison support.</p> 			
<p>b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services. State, local, and tribal governments have fully used all available resources and capabilities to respond to this event and can no longer perform or contract for the required work and services.</p> 			
<p>c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement ; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.</p> 			
Request for Snow Assistance			
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> I request snow assistance.</p>			
<p>Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).</p> 			
<p>Please see Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data for additional information in support of this request*.</p> <p>*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request</p>			

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* ☐ Statewide **OR**

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date September 30, 2028 b. Type of Plan ☒ Enhanced ☐ Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

☐ I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies ☒ I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C**: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

☒ I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on Dec 10, 2025 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

☒ Cover Letter ☒ Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* ☐ Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*
☒ Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) ☐ Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
☒ Additional Supporting Documentation State Emergency Proclamation, NWS-NOAA Executive Weather Statement, Emergency Dec.


 Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

1/20/2028
 Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

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