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## DOLE SAYS CARTER SHOULD INSPECT WHOLE COUNTRY

Washington, D.C. ....Senator Bob Dole (R-Kan) said today, "I support President Carter's trip to inspect the damage caused by the eruption of Mount St. Helens and his declaration of the state of Washington as a major disaster area."

"I would also recommend that President Carter plan to inspect the whole country as his economic policies have made all of the United States a disaster area."

Dole stated, "If the President would tour the country and not stay in the White House all the time he might realize how bad economic conditions are in the country. The President might want to consider declaring not just the state of Washington but all of the U.S. as a major disaster area."

"I know economic conditions are disastrous in my state of Kansas. Farmers are in an economic crisis and many will go bankrupt, the small businessman in rural Kansas is living on his savings, automobile dealers are wondering what their next move will be, and many major industries are sharply cutting back their labor force," Dole said.

"The agricultural economy in Kansas is already in a depression. Farm costs are rising every day, farm product prices are down and farmers are just wondering how long they can hang on. They hope they can make it until a new Administration is elected in November."

"Kansas farmers are bearing the burden of a bankrupt farm policy. They are also bearing the burden of an ill-advised grain embargo that has hurt the Kansas farmer much more than it has hurt any Russian."

"I urge President Carter and his staff to inspect the economic damage in this country from the policies of the last three years. Mount St. Helens is not the only thing in this country that is going to erupt."