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TWO MORE COUNTIES QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM FLOOD DAMAGE
BROWN AND POTTAWATOMIE ADDED TO FEDERAL LIST

WASHINGTON -- As a result of a meeting in Kansas Senator Bob Dole's office last week, two more Kansas counties have been added to a list of other counties that have qualified for Public Assistance funds.

Senator Dole announced following a phone call from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that Brown and Pottawatomie counties in northeast Kansas are now eligible for federal funds to repair bridges, highways, culverts, and other construction projects damaged by the recent severe weather which caused flooding in the area.

"I am pleased the Administration has moved quickly on my request to help these two Kansas counties. Obviously damage has been widespread and costly and citizens and towns in northeast Kansas need immediate assistance," said Dole.

Original estimates for northeast Kansas place the cost of the severe weather on public works to be \$15.4 million.

On Friday, July 6, Senator Dole met with top Administration officials to discuss federal assistance possibilities for counties in the northeast. Representatives from FEMA attended the meeting in Senator Dole's office where the Kansas Republican put in a special request for assistance for Brown and Pottawatomie counties.

Public Assistance funds require a 25% local share of the overall cost of repairing damaged highways, bridges, and other public structures. The federal government picks up the rest of the tab.