



**NEWS** from  
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DOLE URGES ADMINISTRATION TO ACT QUICKLY ON GOVERNOR'S REQUEST FOR DISASTER AID

Washington, D.C.--Following is the text of a telegram Senator Bob Dole sent to President Carter this morning:

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

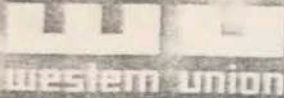
I urge you to act favorably on the request by Governor Robert Bennett of Kansas to declare six counties in Northwest Kansas as a major disaster area in the wake of the recent severe blizzard.

Publicly-owned facilities in this area have incurred over \$100,000 in losses due to the storm. In addition, substantial damage, amounting to well over \$1 million has been suffered by many electric cooperatives in Northwest Kansas. And unless federal assistance is forthcoming, local citizens may be faced with higher utility rates to cover the cost of needed repairs.

Farmers and ranchers in the area were also hard hit and disaster assistance from the Department of Agriculture is needed.

Your prompt action on Governor Bennett's request for disaster aid will be greatly appreciated by the people of Northwest Kansas.

BOB DOLE  
United States Senator



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Washington, D. C. 20500	(EOA)

I URGE YOU TO ACT FAVORABLY ON THE REQUEST BY GOVERNOR ROBERT BENNETT OF KANSAS TO DECLARE SIX COUNTIES IN NORTHWEST KANSAS AS A MAJOR DISASTER AREA IN THE WAKE OF THE RECENT SEVERE BLIZZARD.

PUBLICLY-OWNED FACILITIES IN THIS AREA HAVE INCURRED OVER \$100,000 IN LOSSES DUE TO THE STORM. IN ADDITION, SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE, AMOUNTING TO WELL OVER \$1 MILLION HAS BEEN SUFFERED BY MANY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES IN NORTHWEST KANSAS. AND UNLESS FEDERAL ASSISTANCE IS FORTHCOMING, LOCAL CITIZENS MAY BE FACED WITH HIGHER UTILITY RATES TO COVER THE COST OF NEEDED REPAIRS.

FARMERS AND RANCHERS IN THE AREA WERE ALSO HARD HIT AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS NEEDED.

YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON GOVERNOR BENNETT'S REQUEST FOR DISASTER AID WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THE PEOPLE OF NORTHWEST KANSAS.

BOB DOLE  
 UNITED STATES SENATOR

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