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Recovery update for MT DES

August 30, 2012

FEMA-2989-FM-MT (FMAGP – Ash Creek Fire)

On June 27, 2012 the State received a Fire Management Assistance Grant Program (FMAGP) declaration for Rosebud & Powder River Counties, which included the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. FEMA and Montana DNRC are currently gathering documentation in support of eligible fire suppression costs. The St. Labre Volunteer Fire district has costs that are being reviewed under this declaration.

FEMA-4074-DR-MT (Ash Creek Fire)

On August 2, 2012, the State received a Major Disaster Declaration due to the Ash Creek Fire. The Northern Cheyenne Reservation is an eligible applicant in this Disaster. FEMA/State/Local/Tribal personnel have been engaged in documenting the eligible costs for this Disaster. The Northern Cheyenne have three Project Worksheets, two large projects and one small project for their emergency costs. The small project has been approved and awarded and payment is in process. (\$22,914.27) This payment should be processed by the beginning of September. The larger projects will be paid as actual costs and invoices are provided to MT DES for progress payments, as work is completed.

FEMA- 1996-DR-MT (2011 Spring Flooding)

On June 17, 2011 the State received a Major Disaster Declaration due to the 2011 spring flooding.

Six Reservations are eligible applicants under this disaster. The **Northern Cheyenne Reservation** had 2 project worksheets and received a Federal and State payment on 08/22/2011 for \$33,455.41. **The Crow Reservation** had 45 Project worksheets (PW) and has been paid \$544,140.88 in Federal and state payments, with another estimated \$117,134.35 in payments as work gets completed. **The Blackfeet Reservation** has 5 PWs and has been paid \$25,111.57 in Federal & State payments and the remaining estimated costs of \$72,549.05 will be disbursed upon receiving proper documentation. **The Fort Belknap Reservation** has 18 PWs approved for \$550,606.94. They have received payments of \$386,302.64 and the remaining estimated payments will be paid when projects are complete and documentation has been submitted to MTDES. **The Fort Peck Reservation** has 15 PWs approved for \$261,644.61 and has been paid \$219,247.17 with the remaining estimated payments do upon completion of projects and documentation. **The Rocky Boys Reservation** has 39 PWs approved in the amount of \$1,048,168.07 and has been paid \$478,508.03 in Federal & State funds, with the remaining payment to be made as projects are completed and documentation sent to MT DES.