From State to National: Damage Assessment Collection and Coordination



June 5th, 2023 National Alliance for Public Safety GIS (NAPSG) Foundation napsgfoundation.org | @napsgfoundation

Webinar Prep

Due to the large attendance, all participants are muted for the duration of the session to prevent background noise.

- Please use the **Q&A** functionality within Zoom for questions that are relevant to the whole group.
- We will address these Q&A throughout the webinar!



A copy of the slides, associated links, and a recording of this webinar will be provided on the NAPSG Foundation website next week.



Agenda

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IntroductionNAPSG Foundation

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Wrap Up



01 Introduction

About NAPSG Foundation

- 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2005
- +20,000 members: Public Safety Officials, Operators, and GIS Staff

Mostly in the US, but spans the globe

 All training, tools, best practices and other resources provided at no cost

























NAPSG Foundation Mission



Advance Geospatial

technology and capabilities for and with the public safety community



Foster Adoption

of geospatial tools, information, and best practices for planning, daily operations, and disasters



Bridge the Gaps

across agencies and disciplines, to better protect the communities they serve



How Do We Do It

Transferring knowledge and skills

Tech Assistance

Building capacity in using innovative technology



Education & Training

Fostering regional collaboration through implementation



Exercises & Simulations

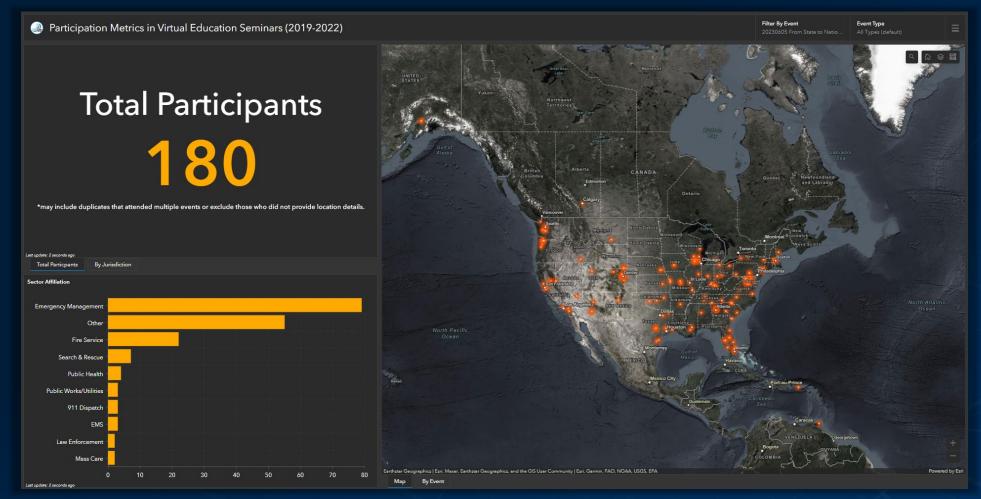
Defining and promulgating consistent best practices



National Guidelines and Standards



Local Focus - National Reach





02 State and Local



Damage Assessment Project Overview

Daniel Stoelb, GIS Program Coordinator



Project Basics

- Create a tool based upon existing commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) solutions.
- Focus on damage assessment for individual assistance (homes) and business impacts.
- Gather data in a uniform format using GIS.
- Visualize data through reports and dashboards.
- Make a tool that is easy to use.



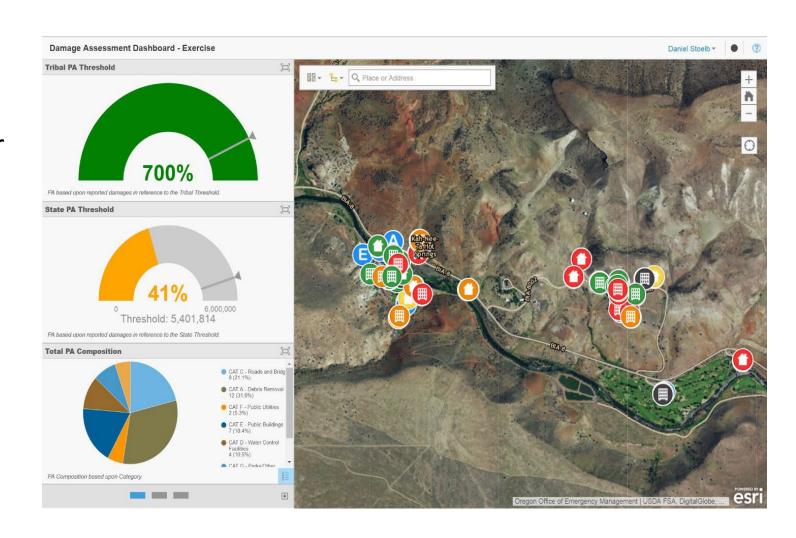
Why We Did this Project

- Critical data being gathered
- Share with partners
- Common format for data
- Reduces discrepancies/redundant efforts
- Understand what is being reported
- Helps streamline reporting to FEMA for disaster funding requests



A Little History of Using GIS for Damage Assessment

- Exercise at Oregon Prepared in 2016
- Participants installed Collector for ArcGIS on devices and grouped into 30 teams
- Information collected at various points in and around Kah-Nee-Ta resort for simulated public assistance impacts
- Data visualized in dashboards in real-time to "paint the picture" for damage impacts





A Little History of Using GIS for Damage Assessment

- 2020 Oregon Wildfires
- Multiple jurisdictions involved creating data using GIS forms/solutions
- Multiple partners generating different datasets showing disaster impacts





2020 Wildfires Lessons Learned

- Data gathered in GIS, but included different fields of data
- Lack of standardization of data
- Hard to determine what was being reported due to field naming and/or lack of specific sets of data being collected
- Redundant efforts/duplicated data
- 8 counties 8 different sets of data with seldom any overlap
- Lack of business impact information being gathered





Damage Assessment Hub Site

- Main location to find details about the project and materials for data collection and display
- Main page includes reference documentation for the project:
 - Damage Assessment Users Guide
 - Form Documentation
- Secured access for users of the system
- Solution uses Survey123 and QuickCapture for consistent data collection





Master hub site for the damage assessment project as a part of the Oregon Department of Emergency Management's Damage Assessment Project Initiative. This content includes details regarding the surveys for this project in addition to instructional guides and reference documentation. To view additional details, please sign in to ArcGIS Online using the top right navigation option.

Project Documents





Secured Access

- Access granted using ArcGIS Online Accounts
 - Accounts already on ArcGIS Online can be invited into relevant groups
 - If an account is needed,
 OEM can create as many
 accounts as necessary for
 that jurisdiction
- Groups on ArcGIS Online grant specific access for a jurisdiction





Field Workers Group

- Group is used to collect damage assessment data for your jurisdiction
- Access to Forms and Training tab on Hub Site
- Includes:
 - Access templates to download to their devices
 - View recorded trainings on how to install the surveys to their device



Oregon Damage Assessment Project Forms and Training

Forms and Training

This page includes relevant links to the forms and trainings on how to install and operate the surveys on your device.

Survey Templates







Damage Assessment Form (IA)



Public Damage Assessment Form (IA)

Instructional Guides









Reviewers Group

- Group is used to review field-collected (and public submissions if wanted) damage assessment data for your jurisdiction
- Access to your jurisdiction's tab on Hub Site

• Includes:

- Access to collected data for business and home impacts (to view and download)
- Attachment viewer for seeing images taken from damage assessments
- Review dashboards for reviewing and approving damage assessments for your jurisdiction
- Substantial damage dashboard for reviewing damages in the floodplain (for floodplain managers and delegates only)



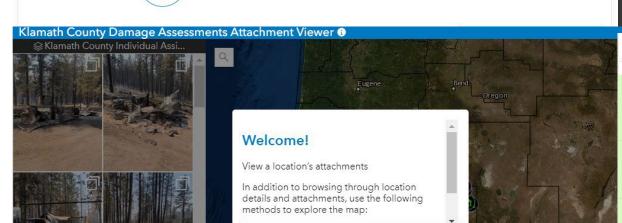
Reviewers Group

Klamath County

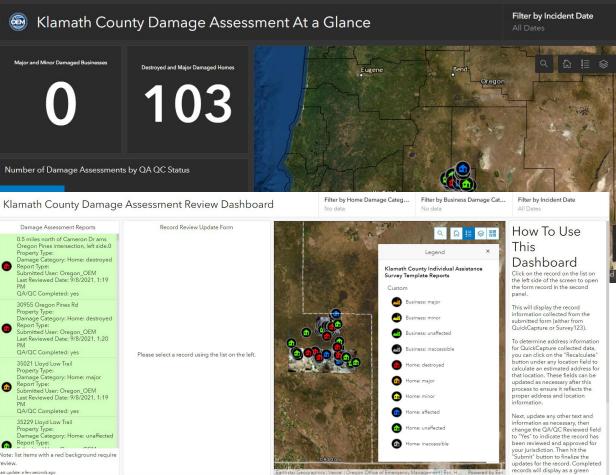
Below are available datasets and visualizations based upon Klamath County damage assessment data gathered.

Klamath County Individual Assistance Survey Template Reports

This file contains information regarding the damage assessments for home and business impacts.



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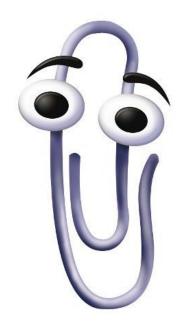




Questions?

Main Damage Assessment Hub Site:

https://oregon-damage-assessment-project-geo.hub.arcgis.com/



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03 Federal

FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment on FACT

Field Assessment and Collection Tools (FACT) PDA | June 5, 2023



What is FACT?

- FACT Field Assessment and Collection Tools
- GIS system based on ArcGIS Enterprise Portal
- Hosts multiple application suites
- Secured system rated Mod-Mod-Mod, behind the FEMA firewall, with an Authority to Operate (ATO)







PDA Operations Start Date: *

Date

Coordinates of the damage: *

Open map below to place pin on the structure, not in the street.



▼ Location Information:

Street Address:

16507 Caravaggio Loop



City/Town:

Montverde



State/Territory: *

Verify the state is correct before submission (State is case sensitive)

PDA Tool Suite

- System of Record for FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessments
- Individual Assistance AND Public Assistance
- 10 Regions + HQ
- Utilize:
 - □ Survey123
 - Quick Capture
 - Field Maps
 - Web apps



Custom Reporting Application



Attachments

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Assessments with Immediate Needs

Level of Damage
Assessed: Destroyed
Address: ... Seaver Flat Trl,
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Created User: jared.ryan1

Created User: jared.ryan1
Description: Homeowner cannot access home. Further flooding could cause more issues for neighborhood. Need state assistance

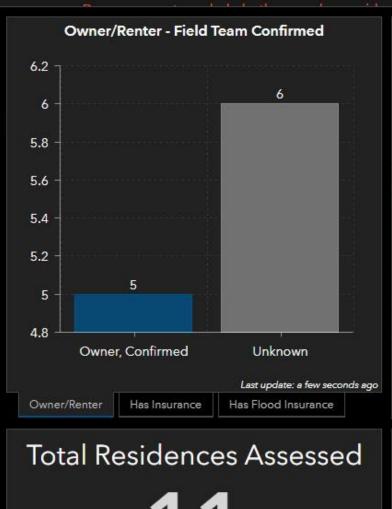
Level of Damage Assessed: Major Address: Control Contr

- Created User: jared.ryan1
 Description: Wife is in wheelchair.
 Ramp washed away. Insurance
 only wants to pay for steps. No
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- · Click to remove filter on selection

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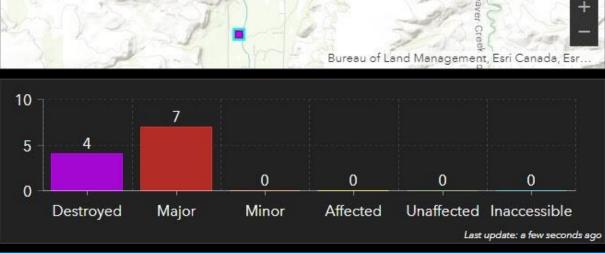
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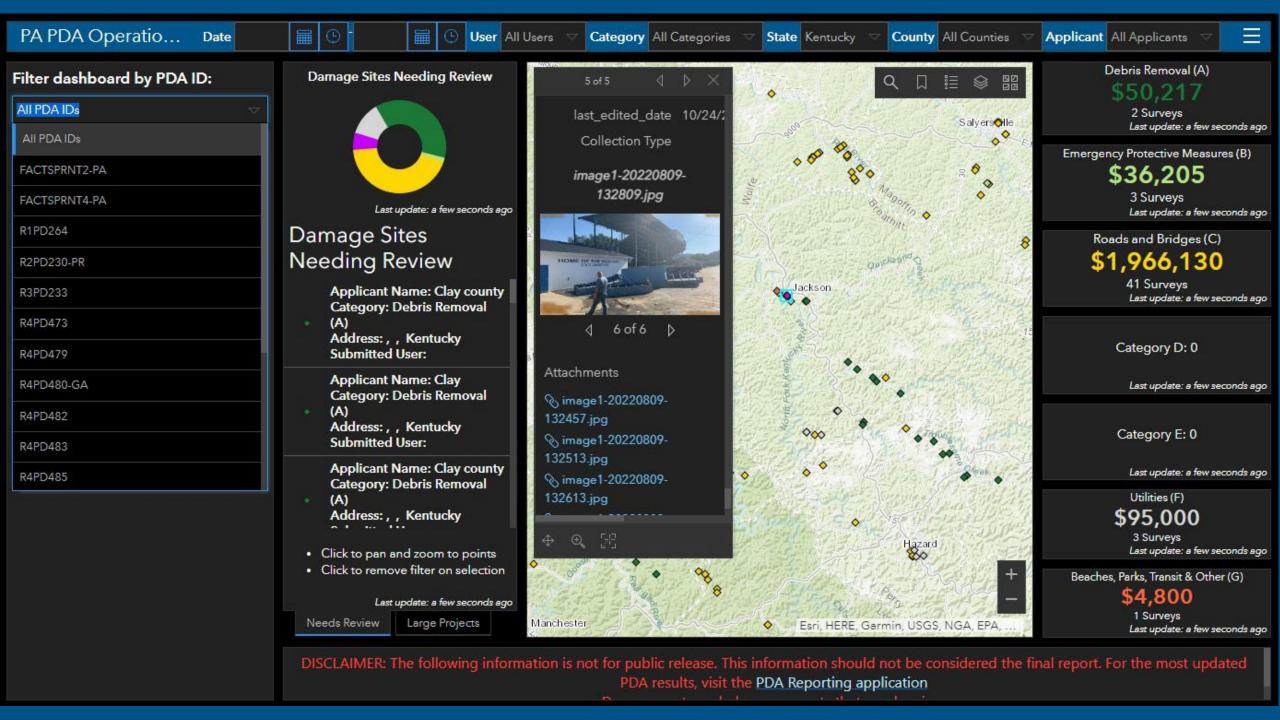


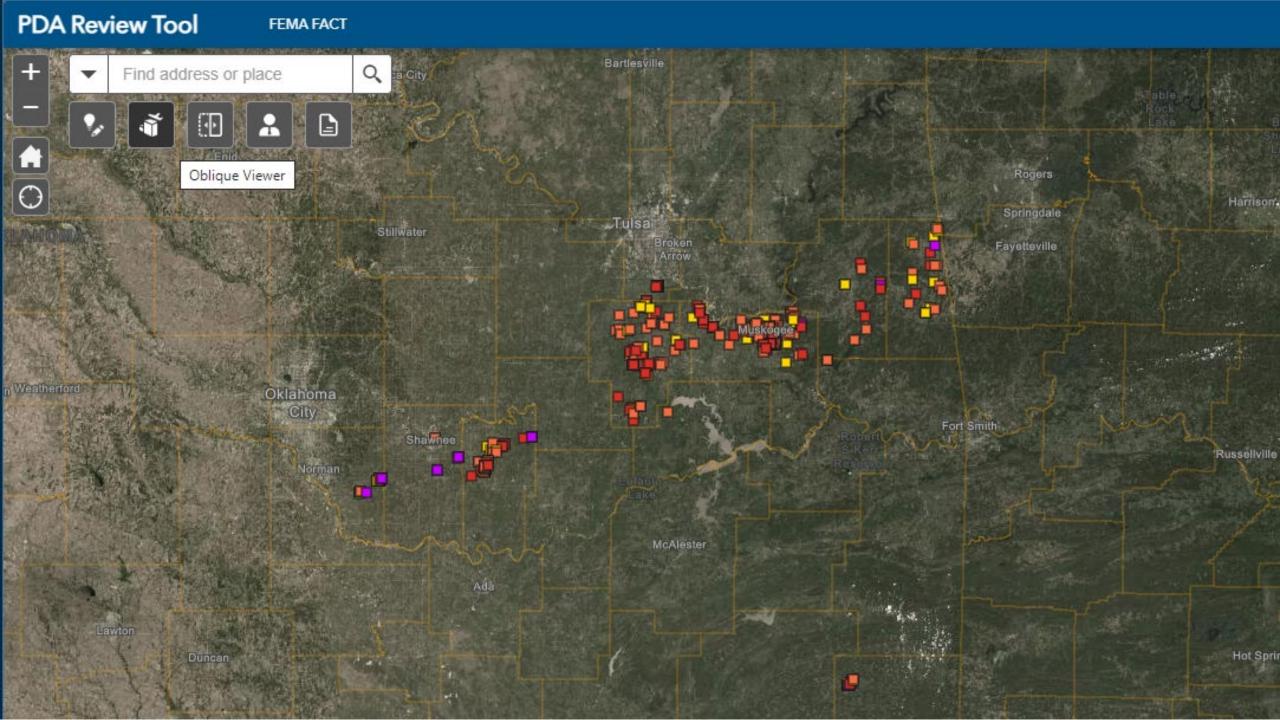
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PDA Reporting Application – Cost Estimates for IA & PA





Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Reporting Application Version 4.3.2

An official website of the <u>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</u>

FEMA Privacy

Accessibility
Plug-Ins

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Report Disaster Fraud

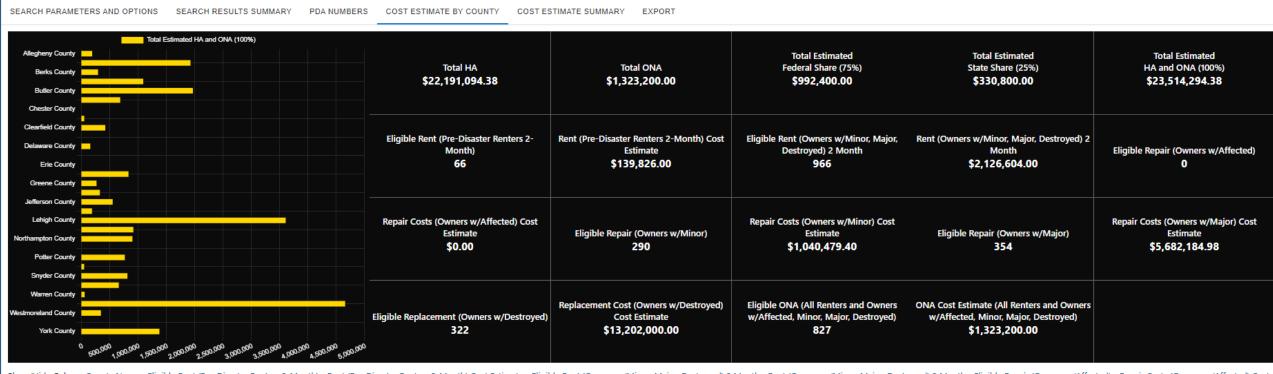
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Individuals and Households Program (IHP) Cost Projection Calculator

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SEARCH PARAMETERS AND OPTIONS SEARCH RESULTS SUMMARY PDA NUMBERS

COST ESTIMATE BY COUNTY COST ESTIMATE SUMMARY EXPORT

Estimated Housing Assistance (HA)	Number of Households (uninsured)	Cost	Total Cost	Category Total Cost
Temporary Housing				
Rent (Pre-Disaster Renters) (Owners w/Minor, Major or Destroyed) - 2 month	1032	\$2,085.29	\$2,266,430.00	
Total Temporary Housing:				\$2,266,430.00
Repair Assistance				
Repair Costs (Owners w/Affected)	0	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
Repair Costs (Owners w/Minor)	290	\$3,587.86	\$1,040,479.40	
Repair Costs (Owners w/Major)	354	\$16,051.37	\$5,682,184.98	
Total Repair Assistance:				\$6,722,664.38
Replacement Assistance				
Replacement Costs (Owners w/Destroyed)	322	\$41,000.00	\$13,202,000.00	
Total Replacement Assistance:				\$13,202,000.00
Total Estimated Housing Assistance (HA)	1998		\$22,191,094.38	\$22,191,094.38

Estimated Other Needs Assistance (ONA)	Number of Households (uninsured)	Cost	Total Cost	Category Total Cost
Other Needs Assistance (ONA)				
ONA (All Renters and Owners w/Affected, Minor, Major, and Destroyed)	827	\$1,600.00	\$1,323,200.00	
Total Estimated ONA:	827		\$1,323,200.00	\$1,323,200.00

Cost Estimate Summary	Total Cost
Total Estimated ONA (75% Federal Share)	\$992,400.00
Total Estimated ONA (25% State Share)	\$330,800.00
Total Estimated HA and ONA (75% Federal Share)	\$23,183,494.38
Total Estimated HA and ONA (100% Costs)	\$23,514,294.38

County Summary SEARCH PARAMETERS AND OPTIONS SEARCH RESULTS SUMMARY PA COSTS EXPORT Category C Category D Category E Category F 3,500,000 3,000,000 2,500,000 2,000,000 1,500,000 1,000,000 500,000 Essex County Prince William County Rappahannock County Westmoreland County Category B Category D Category F **Overall Total** \$340,100.00 \$125,000.00 \$180,000.00 \$579,555.00 \$0.00 \$3,200,000.00 \$4,429,200.00 Show/Hide Column: JURISDICTION - CATEGORY A - CATEGORY B - CATEGORY C - CATEGORY D - CATEGORY E - CATEGORY F - CATEGORY G - TOTAL Search: JURISDICTION CATEGORY A CATEGORY B CATEGORY C CATEGORY D CATEGORY E CATEGORY F CATEGORY G TOTAL **Essex County** \$200,000.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$3,200,000.00 \$0.00 \$3,400,000.00 Prince William County \$100.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$100.00 Rappahannock County \$525,000.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$525,000.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00

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Essex County	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,200,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,400,000.00	10,599	\$320.78
Prince William County	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	482,204	\$0.00
Rappahannock County	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$525,000.00	7,348	\$71.45
Westmoreland County	\$140,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$54,555.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,545.00	\$504,100.00	18,477	\$27.28
Statewide Total	\$340,100.00	\$125,000.00	\$180,000.00	\$579,555.00	\$0.00	\$3,200,000.00	\$4,545.00	\$4,429,200.00	8,631,393	\$0.51
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SEARCH PARAMETERS AND OPTIONS SEARCH RESULTS SUMMARY COST THRESHOLD SUMMARY STATE SUMMARY ESTIMATE OF ELIGIBLE PA EXPORT

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PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

	TABLE A. ESTIMATE OF ELIGIBLE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE											
PDA Conducted:	6/7/2021 - 5/22/2023 County of: Westmoreland County County Population: 18,477				18,477	State/Territory:	Virginia					
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gov	\$140,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$54,555.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$219,555.00	18,477	\$11.88		
Gov	\$0.00	\$125,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,545.00	\$129,545.00	18,477	\$7.01		
Gov B	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$155,000.00	18,477	\$8.39		
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Preliminary Damage Assessments



Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) are conducted to enable FEMA — as well as state, local, tribal, and territorial partners — to determine the magnitude of damage and impact of disasters.



PDA Reports

View all Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) reports for major disaster declaration requests.

PDA Guide

View the PDA Guide - a standard framework for conducting PDAs following a disaster — and related

Current Options for Streamlining with SLTT

- Survey Templates Preliminary Damage Assessments | FEMA.gov
- Templates are downloadable in .xls format.
- Collect damage information in the same data format as FEMA.
- Add questions that are important to your jurisdiction.
- Import File Geodatabase from any GIS
 - External Data Validation Tool: Florida
 - Field Maps: **Montana**

How to Share IDA Data with FEMA

- FEMA can accept IDA geospatial datasets from SLTT partners.
- Fact sheet identifies how to share initial damage assessment data with FEMA Regions.
- FEMA will upload data into FACT for validation and records management.
- Recommended file format is a file geodatabase (.gdb) or excel (.csv).



FEMA Fact Sheet

How to Share Initial Damage Assessment Geospatial Datasets with FEMA

FEMA can accept initial damage assessment (IDA) geospatial datasets from state, tribal, and territorial (STT) governments. The dataset will be uploaded to FEMA's Field Assessment and Collection Tools (FACT) System for review by the FEMA Regional Office as part of a virtual Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) or to inform and coordinate an inperson Joint PDA.

Digital Damage Assessment Surveys

- FEMA utilizes a digital damage assessment survey to collect damage information during Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).
- The templates for FEMA's surveys are publicly available on <u>FEMA.gov/PDA</u> for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) jurisdictions to use when seeking to adopt digital damage surveys for their initial or windshield assessment operations.
- SLTT jurisdictions may edit the templates and add any additional questions, as desired. As posted, the templates
 allow jurisdictions to collect the same data during the IDA that FEMA will need to review, assess, and validate
 during the Joint PDA.

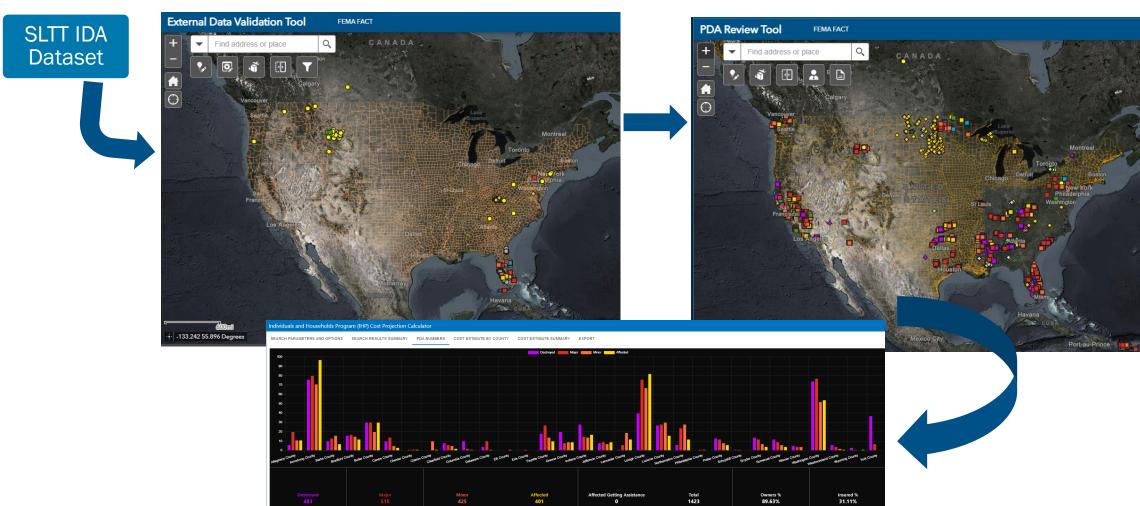
Process for Submitting IDA Data to The FEMA Regional Office

- Following a disaster, an STT may choose to use the <u>digital survey template</u> for the initial assessment of damages, as outlined in 44 CRF § 206.33(a), to request a Joint PDA.
- When requesting a Joint PDA, STT emergency management officials may choose to coordinate with their geospatial information systems (GIS) counterparts in order to download a file geodatabase (.gdb) version of the IDA dataset. This file format is the most efficient way for FEMA to review IDA data.
 - A file geodatabase file format of the data is especially helpful as it allows FEMA to review photos associated with each damage location on the map.
 - Excel files (.csv) are a secondary option but are not preferred since this format will not transmit photos.
 Without photos, FEMA cannot visualize damages to inform the strategy of a field operation or virtually assess damages during a remote assessment.
- Once FEMA has uploaded the STT's file geodatabase (.gdb) into the FACT System, the Regional Office will
 determine, in coordination with the STT, whether the Joint PDA will be in-person, virtual, or a hybrid of each
 - For virtual PDAs, the STT file geodatabase dataset can be validated directly within the FACT System in conjunction with a pre-arranged virtual collaboration/meeting platform.
 - For in-person PDAs, the FEMA PDA Coordinator and Field Assessors can review damage points on the map in order to build a common operating picture prior to before deploying to the field.



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Where does my initial damage assessment data go?

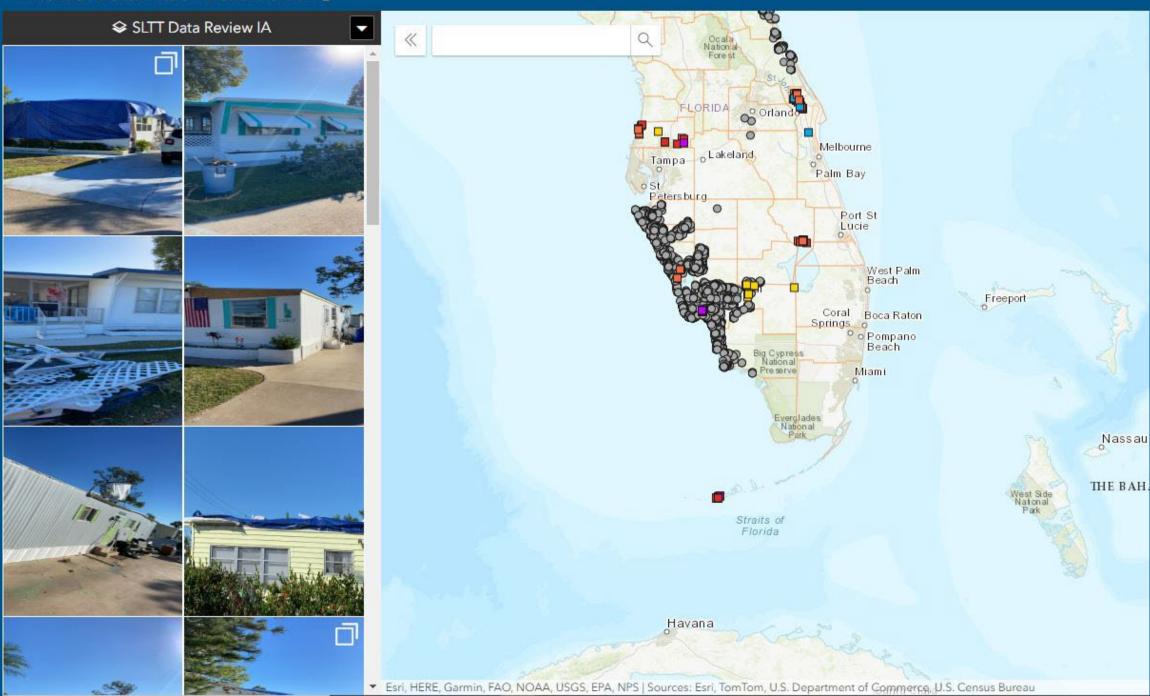


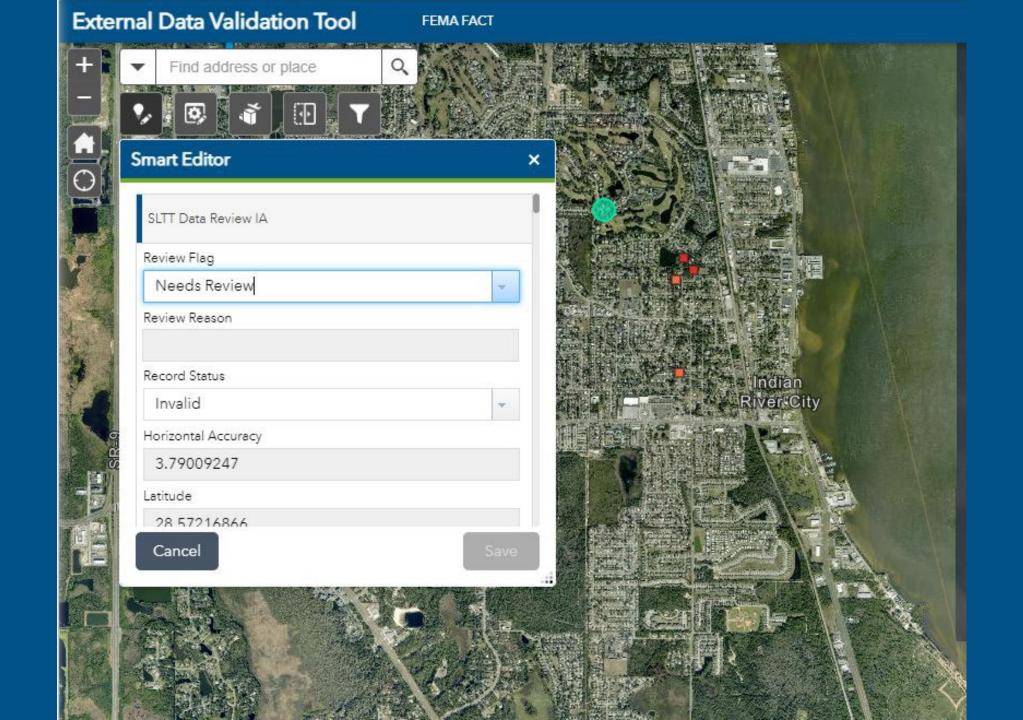


External Data Validation ToolFlorida



External Data Attachment Viewer 1

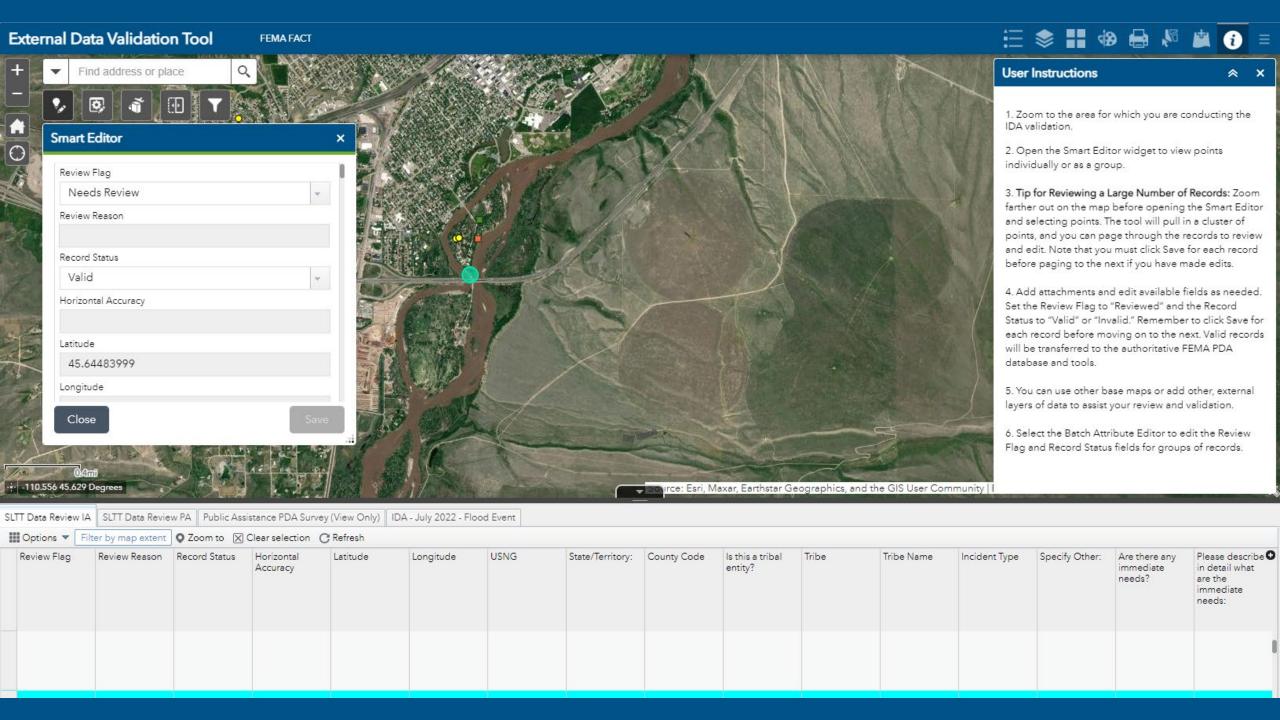




Field Maps Montana



External Data Attachment Viewer 1 SLTT Data Review IA Lewistown MONTANA Forestgrove Lewis & Clark National Forest 8695 ft LITTLE BELT MOUNTAINS Musselshell R BULL MOUNTAI BIG BELT MOUNTAINS Billings vingston Bozeman DISON RANGE 00 Gallatin National 0 Hebgen Lake Yellowstone National Park Yellowstone Lake Targhee National Forest





Future

Tampa

- Ability to automate sharing of SLTT IDA data into FACT External validation tool
- Portal collaboration
- SLTT partner tools via Login.gov
- SLTT accessible version of the Reporting App

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04 Wrap Up

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FEMA Regional Geospatial Contacts

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Region IV:

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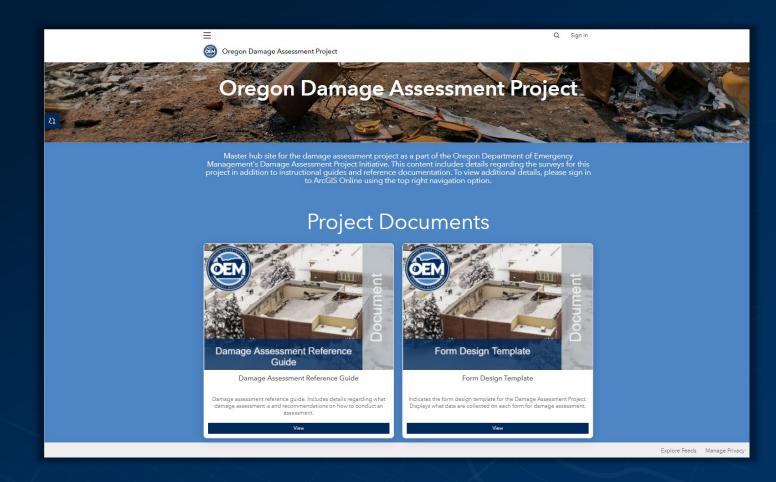
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Region	IA PDA Coordinators	PA PDA Coordinators
1	Sam Harvey	Anna Swenson
_	Katie Brayshaw	Rob Irby
2	Malcolm Hardy	Walt Ziegler
	Amit Patel	Theresa Casazza
	Kelly Higgs	
3	John Donahue	<u>Cassondra Newman</u>
		Kristin Schmitz
4	Cordell Ewell	<u>Lee Edge</u>
	Khin Htwe	<u>Phillip Jones</u>
	Robert Broadwater	<u>Cynthia Belton</u>
5	<u>Scott Richardson</u>	<u>Catherine Warren</u>
	Richard Foody	
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	<u>Chance Macneill</u>	
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	<u>Cory Fast</u>	
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	<u>Trena Morse</u>	<u>Jordan Christianson</u>
9	<u>Tina Rafftery</u>	
	<u>Brian Bui</u>	
	Andrea (Shahdy)	
	<u>Monemzadeh</u>	
10	<u>Nika Herford</u>	<u>Mariko Kobayashi</u>
	<u>Leah Lubin</u>	Nic Granum

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Release Date: Oct 31, 2021

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Digital Damage Assessment Surveys

- FEMA utilizes a digital damage assessment survey to collect damage information during Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA)
- The templates for FEMA's surveys are publicly <u>available on online</u> for state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) jurisdictions to use when seeking to adopt digital damage surveys for their initial or windshield assessment operations.
- SLTT jurisdictions may edit the templates and add any additional questions, as desired. As posted, the templates allow jurisdictions to collect the same data during the IDA that FEMA will need to review, assess, and validate during the Joint PDA

Process for Submitting IDA Data to The FEMA Regional Office

- Following a disaster, an STT may choose to use the digital survey template for the initial assessment of damages, as outlined in 44 CRF § 206.33(a), to request a Joint PDA.
- When requesting a Joint PDA, STT emergency management officials may choose to coordinate with their geospatial information systems (GIS) counterparts in order to download a file geodatabase (.gdb) version of the IDA dataset. This file format is the most efficient way for FEMA to review IDA data.
- A file geodatabase file format of the data is especially helpful as it allows FEMA to review photos associated with each damage location on the map.
- Excel files (.csv) are a secondary option but are not preferred since this format will not transmit photos. Without photos, FEMA cannot visualize



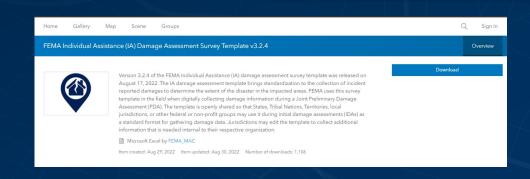
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damages to inform the strategy of a field operation or virtually assess damages during a remote assessment.

- Once FEMA has uploaded the STT's file geodatabase (.gdb) into the FACT System, the Regional Office will determine, in coordination with the STT, whether the Joint PDA will be in-serson, virtual, or a hybrid of each.
- For virtual PDAs, the STT file geodatabase dataset can be validated directly
 within the FACT System in conjunction with a pre-arranged virtual
 collaboration/meeting platform.
- For in-person PDAs, the FEMA PDA Coordinator and Field Assessors can review damage points on the map in order to build a common operating picture prior to before deploying to the field.







THANKS!

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