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DISASTER RECOVERY CENTERS TO OPEN MONDAY

EL PASO, Texas — The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Texas Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) announced today the opening of two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) to serve El Paso County residents affected by the recent severe storms and flooding.

DRCs provide residents an opportunity to meet face to face with representatives from state, federal, and voluntary agencies to find answers to questions they may have about the recovery process. Customer services representatives from the U.S. Small Business Administration will be on hand to help individuals fill out loan applications and answer questions.

One Disaster Recovery Center will be in a fixed location at:

7500 Viscount (near the bus terminal) in El Paso.

The DRC hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., open seven days a week until further notice.

A second, Mobile Disaster Recovery Center will be located at:

860 Rio Vista (Socorro City Hall) in Socorro

The Mobile DRC in Socorro will be open Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Mobile Disaster Recovery Center will then move to additional locations later in the week:

Before visiting a DRC, individuals should register for assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), or 1-800-462-7585 for those who are hearing or speech-impaired. The FEMA application line is open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. local time seven days a week, until further notice. You can also register online at www.fema.gov.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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