



# ***DISASTER NEWS***

*Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes*

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## **SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Wyoming Residents and Businesses Affected by the July 3 Flash Flooding**

**Sacramento, CA** – U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Karen G. Mills announced that low-interest federal disaster loans are now available for residents and business owners affected by the flash flooding that occurred on July 3 in Natrona County. SBA declared the disaster in response to Governor Dave Freudenthal’s request on July 23, 2009.

The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in **Natrona County** and the neighboring counties of **Albany, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Johnson** and **Washakie**.

“The U.S. Small Business Administration is strongly committed to providing the most effective and customer-focused response possible to assist Wyoming residents and businesses with federal disaster loans,” said Mills. “Getting our businesses and communities up and running after a disaster is our highest priority at SBA.”

“Low-interest federal disaster loans are available to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, non-profit organizations whose property was damaged or destroyed by the flash flooding,” said Steven F. Despain, SBA’s Wyoming District Director. “Beginning Tuesday, July 28 at 9 am, SBA customer service representatives will be on hand at the Local Disaster Assistance Center in Natrona County to issue loan applications, answer questions about SBA’s disaster loan program, explain the application process and help each individual complete their application,” Despain continued. The center will be open on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

### **NATRONA COUNTY**

Agricultural Resource and Learning Center  
Casper Room  
2011 Fairgrounds Road  
Casper, WY 82604

### ***Opens Tuesday, July 28***

Tuesday, July 28 through Saturday, August 1  
9 am – 6 pm

Monday, August 3 through Thursday, August 13  
Monday – Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

***Closes Thursday, August 13***

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

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Businesses of any size and private, non-profit organizations may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. SBA can also lend additional funds to homeowners and businesses to help with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

For small businesses and most private, non-profit organizations of all sizes, SBA offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. EIDL assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Interest rates can be as low as 2.437 percent for homeowners and renters and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by SBA and are based upon each applicant's financial condition.

Applicants may also apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling SBA toll-free at (800) 659-2955, emailing [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visiting SBA's Web site at [www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance](http://www.sba.gov/services/disasterassistance). Hearing impaired individuals may call (800) 877-8339.

The deadline to return applications for property damage is **September 22, 2009**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **April 26, 2010**.