



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY
GOVERNOR

September 1, 2015

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 77

DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THE TOWN OF LAKE SANTEETLAH

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act, Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes authorizes the issuance of a disaster declaration for an emergency area as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.3(7) and categorizing the disaster as a Type I, Type II or Type III disaster as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b); and

WHEREAS, starting on July 14, 2015, the Town of Lake Santeetlah, located in Graham County, North Carolina was impacted by severe weather which included straight-line winds; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the straight-line winds the Town of Lake Santeetlah proclaimed a local state of emergency on July 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, due to the impact of the straight-line winds, a joint preliminary damage assessment was done by state and local emergency management officials on July 17, 2015; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that a Type I disaster, as defined in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), exists in the State of North Carolina, specifically in the Town of Lake Santeetlah; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), the criteria for a Type I disaster are met if: (1) the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety has provided a preliminary damage assessment to the Governor and the General Assembly; (2) the Town of Lake Santeetlah declared a local state of emergency pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.22; (3) the preliminary damage assessment meets or exceeds the State infrastructure criteria set out in G.S. 166A-19.41(b)(2)a.; and (4) a major disaster declaration by the President of the United States pursuant to the Stafford Act has not been declared; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.41(a), if a disaster is declared, the Governor may make State funds available for emergency assistance in the form of individual assistance and public assistance for recovery from those disasters for which federal assistance under the Stafford Act is either not available or does not adequately meet the needs of the citizens of the State in the emergency area.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.21(b)(1), a Type I disaster is hereby declared for the Town of Lake Santeetlah in Graham County, North Carolina.

Section 2. I authorize state disaster assistance in the form of public assistance grants to eligible governments located within the emergency area that meet the terms and conditions under N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.41(b)(2). The public assistance grants are for the following:

- a. Debris clearance.

Section 3. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be promptly filed with the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 4. This Type I disaster declaration shall expire 60 days after issuance unless renewed by the Governor or the General Assembly. Such renewals may be made in increments of 30 days each, not to exceed a total of 120 days from the date of first issuance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this first day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-nine.


Pat McCrory
Governor



ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State