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## **Governor Walker Requests U.S. Small Business Administration Damage Assessments in Buffalo County**

**Madison** – Governor Scott Walker recently asked the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to view flood damage and meet with local and state officials in Buffalo County. The information gathered could be used to request the SBA to provide federal low-interest loans to locals and businesses that suffered damage during the flooding on August 11, 2016. SBA damage assessment of homes and businesses in Buffalo County begins tomorrow.

“Many homeowners and businesses are still trying to recover from the flash floods that hit the area last month,” Governor Walker said. “By reaching out to the U.S. Small Business Administration, we’re working to ensure disaster aid is provided to these families and businesses quickly so they are able to get back on their feet.”

Up to eight inches of rain caused flash flooding and mudslides on August 11, 2016. Numerous roads were damaged and homes were flooded. Recent damage assessments issued by Buffalo County Emergency Management last week indicate 16 homes with major damage and more than 200 homes with minor flood damage.

Under an SBA declaration, home and personal property loans, business physical disaster loans, and economic injury disaster loans are offered.

The Wisconsin Disaster Fund continues to assist local governments recover some of their costs incurred in responding to the flooding and repairing road damage. The state provides 70 percent of eligible costs with the local share of 30 percent.

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