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# County requests disaster funding

TILLAMOOK – Tillamook County is seeking money to repair road damage from the most recent flood.

Tillamook County Public Works and Parks Departments and the cities of Tillamook and Nehalem have submitted initial damage assessments to the state. In turn, the state has requested assistance for the area from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Heavy rain during the weekend beginning Jan. 14 caused flooding and slides throughout the county. Tillamook County Public Works Director Liane Welch created a flood damage summary. The detailed list reveals more than \$1 million in storm damage to county roads.

Additionally, first response costs from the flood were approximately \$99,500.

Gordon McCraw, director of Tillamook County Emergency Management, said the area received five inches of rain over a two-day period.

Tillamook, Lincoln, Clatsop, Clackamas and Crook counties all submitted initial damage assessments to the state, McCraw said.

“I’m hopeful,” McCraw said about whether the county would receive funds.

The county need not declare a disaster to receive FEMA funds, however McCraw said he plans to request at the next county commissioner meeting that a disaster be declared.

“It can help with some of the permitting processes,” he said.