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GOVERNOR EXTENDS STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR AREAS AFFECTED BY MID-APRIL FLOODS

CHARLESTON – Gov. Joe Manchin today extended the State of Emergency he declared April 15, 2007 in response to flooding, landslides, mudslides, heavy rain and high winds that affected 18 West Virginia counties on April 14-18.

The 18 counties affected are: Barbour, Boone, Cabell, Gilmer, Grant, Hardy, Lewis, Lincoln, Logan, McDowell, Mingo, Pendleton, Pocahontas, Putnam, Upshur, Wayne, Webster and Wyoming counties.

“I have extended the State of Emergency to allow our hard-working state agencies to complete some of the emergency work to repair our roadways, clear stream blockages and restore critical infrastructure,” Manchin said.

President Bush on May 1 declared seven of the most damaged counties available for federal public assistance. On May 10, the Federal Emergency Management Agency added 11 additional counties to match the state’s declaration total. Items eligible for public assistance include publicly owned infrastructure such as roads, bridges, public service districts and schools.

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