



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

March 11, 2024

Mr. Jeffrey D. Lusk
Director
Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience
Field Operations Center – West
U.S. Small Business Administration
6501 Sylvan Road
Citrus Heights, California 95610

Dear Mr. Lusk:

Under provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement a Small Business Administrative declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Disaster Loans for Hemphill and Hutchinson Counties as a result of the February 26, 2024, Smokehouse Creek Fire (February, 26, 2024 and continuing).

As a result of the wildfire, many homes and businesses were affected, creating an economic emergency for county residents. I request that the SBA declare Hemphill and Hutchinson Counties a disaster area to make long-term, low-interest rate physical damage loans for homes and businesses and economic injury disaster loans available to citizens and businesses affected by the disaster.

On March 9, 2024, a damage assessment was conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Hemphill County Emergency Management, Hutchinson County Emergency Management to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 29 homes in Hemphill County and 69 homes and 1 business in Hutchinson County sustained major damages and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management at (512) 424-2443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Greg Abbott
Governor

SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report_State of Texas
State/SBA Ground Survey

Event: Smokehouse Creek Fire
 ULP: TX-20004
 Incident Date: 02/26/2024 and continuing

Date of Survey Request: 03/06/2024
 Date of Survey: 03/09/2024

Overall Properties Affected

COUNTY	SURVEY Start Date	SURVEY End Date	MEETS SBA Criteria	Tribal	Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESS/NON-PROFITS			
							MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
Hemphill	03/09/2024	03/09/2024	Yes	No	29	FINAL	29	3,988,000	25	645,000	0	0	3	45,000
Hutchinson	03/09/2024	03/09/2024	Yes	No	70	FINAL	69	3,193,000	16	125,000	1	5,000	0	0
State Totals					99		98	7,181,000	41	770,000	1	5,000	3	45,000

COMMENTS:



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Dear Mr. Lusk:

Under provisions of 13 C.F.R. Part 123.3, I respectfully request that the Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) implement a Small Business Administrative declaration to provide assistance in the form of SBA Disaster Loans for Carson County as a result of the February 26, 2024, Windy Deuce Fire (February 26, 2024, and continuing).

As a result of the wildfire, many homes and businesses were affected, creating an economic emergency for county residents. I request that the SBA declare Carson County a disaster area to make long-term, low-interest rate physical damage loans for homes and businesses and economic injury disaster loans available to citizens and businesses affected by the disaster.

On March 9, 2024, a damage assessment was conducted by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), and Carson County Emergency Management to determine the extent and type of disaster assistance necessary to assist with recovery efforts. The damage survey indicates that at least 39 homes in each Carson County sustained major damages and suffered an uninsured loss of more than 40 percent.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to contact Chief Nim Kidd, Texas Division of Emergency Management at (512) 424-2443.

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SBA SURVEY RECAP: Final Summary Report_State of Texas

State/SBA Ground Survey

Event: Windy Deuce Fire
 ULP: TX-20005
 Incident Date: 02/26/2024 and continuing

Date of Survey Request: 03/06/2024
 Date of Survey: 03/09/2024

Overall Properties Affected

COUNTY	SURVEY Start Date	SURVEY End Date	MEETS SBA Criteria	Tribal	Majors	SURVEY Status	HOMES				BUSINESS/NON-PROFITS			
							MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$	MAJ	\$\$	MIN	\$\$
Carson	03/09/2024	03/09/2024	Yes	No	39	FINAL	39	1,600,000	21	180,000	0	0	0	0
State Totals			Yes		39	FINAL	39	1,600,000	21	180,000	0	0	0	0

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