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### **Flooding caused millions in damage**

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM), working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Local Emergency Management Coordinators, completed preliminary assessments of the damage caused by flooding and severe weather that started on May 7, 2015 and continued. These joint assessments listed over 370 homes as damaged in some way and estimated the public damages at over \$6 million.

Two areas are involved in disaster recovery operations, public assistance and individual assistance. Residences fall under the Individual Assistance Program and the monetary amounts involved in that recovery program are not estimated until applications for aid are processed. The Public Assistance Program breaks down into seven categories:

- Debris Removal - removal of disaster-related items from public property (roads, etc)
- Emergency Protective Measures - search & rescue, emergency levees, sandbagging, etc.
- Roads and Bridges - repair of roads and bridges
- Water Control Facilities - repair of water control facilities (levees, dams, drainage, etc)
- Buildings and Equipment - repair or replacement of buildings, heavy equipment and vehicles
- Utilities - repair of power, sewage and water facilities
- Parks and Recreational Facilities - repair and restoration of parks, playgrounds, mass transit, etc.

A detailed breakdown of the damages, listed by county and category, is included.

*The Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) is the state's homeland security and preparedness agency. The agency works to identify and lessen the effects of emergencies, disasters and threats to Arkansas by developing effective prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery actions for all disasters and emergencies. For additional information, contact ADEM at (501) 683-6700 or visit the website at [www.adem.arkansas.gov](http://www.adem.arkansas.gov).*

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