



STATE OF ARIZONA

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GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

July 9, 2013

Mr. Alfred Judd, Director  
U.S. Small Business Administration  
Field Operations Center – West  
P.O. Box 419004  
Sacramento, CA 95841- 9004

RE: State of Arizona Request for U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)  
Physical Disaster Loan Declaration for Yavapai County

Dear Mr. Judd:

Under the provision of 13 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), § 123.3 (Disaster Loan Program), I request that you declare a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Physical Disaster for Yavapai County as a result of the Yarnell Hill Fire that began on June 28, 2013. To date, this fire has burned over 8,400 acres, and is 90% contained. This fire has had a significant impact on Yavapai County, and specifically the community of Yarnell.

On Sunday, July 7, 2013, a joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) was performed in Yavapai County with personnel from the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Arizona Division of Emergency Management, Yavapai County, and the Grand Canyon Chapter of the American Red Cross. The assessment yielded the following results: 109 homes were destroyed, 2 homes sustained major damage, and 21 homes received minor damage. These physical impacts exceed the minimum thresholds for a SBA Physical Disaster Declaration. Therefore, I am requesting that SBA designate Yavapai County, Arizona, for a Physical Disaster Declaration.

During the PDA, field teams also attempted to assess the physical damage to local businesses. The teams have concluded that no private businesses were physically impacted by the fire, unless they were home-based businesses, which have yet to be assessed. At this time, the State is not requesting the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program because the economic impact to the businesses in the communities of Yarnell and Peoples Valley is currently undetermined. Both communities were evacuated from Sunday, June 30, 2013, until Monday, July 8, 2013. No businesses were operational during this time. As resources permit, the Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) will reach out to local businesses to identify the economic

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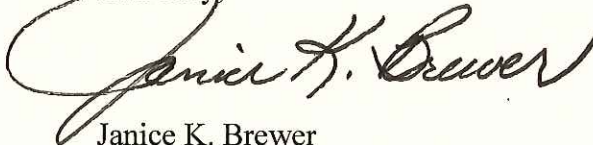
impact of the evacuation. If it is determined that at least five local businesses sustained significant economic damage, this letter may be amended, in a timely manner, to request the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

In response to the situation, I have taken appropriate action under State law and directed the execution of the State Emergency Plan on July, 1, 2013, in accordance with Section 401 of the Stafford Act. On July 1, 2013, I declared a State of Emergency for Yavapai County effective June 28, 2013, and continuing, pursuant to A.R.S § 26-303(D). In addition to the State Declaration of Emergency, Yavapai County Board of Supervisors declared a State of Emergency and issued a Fire Disaster Declaration on June 30, 2013. The State of Arizona received a Fire Management Assistance Grant that was issued on July 30, 2013, to help pay for costs associated with the suppression of the fire.

The Arizona Division of Emergency Management has currently established an Individual Assistance Service Center (IASC) in the community of Yarnell to meet the needs of local residents. If this request is granted, ADEM can procure space at the IASC for SBA personnel to establish the Disaster Loan Outreach Center. I request sufficient SBA personnel to process applications and perform outreach and community relations for the requested program.

I have designated Wendy Smith-Reeve, Director, Arizona Division of Emergency Management under the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs, at (602) 464-6203, to coordinate all matters on behalf of the State of Arizona pertaining to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janice K. Brewer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J".

Janice K. Brewer  
Governor

cc: Major General Hugo Salazar, Director  
Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

Wendy Smith-Reeve, Director  
Arizona Division of Emergency Management