

Disaster Summary Outline

Disaster strikes

Identify Damages

Begin to identify damages right away. Track costs and relevant paperwork.

Document, Document, Document!

Start DSO Process

Submit a DSO as soon as you identify there are damages within the jurisdiction.

Best Practice - Update the DSO at the end of each operational period.

Launch of Data Collection Tools

It's important to track and collect data in real time. Utilizing standardized tools can assist in this process: iSTAT, pSTAT, windshield and field assessments.

Photos and locations are important!

Select Assessment Team

Assessment teams should consist of individuals that know the community and local infrastructure.

Example: Road and Bridge, CERT, County Volunteers, etc. can receive Just In Time training to perform the needed tasks.

Continue to Update DSO

Utilizing damage estimates from your assessment tools, continue to revise and improve your data within the DSO.

TDEM Verifies Damages

TDEM verifies the locally reported damages received via the iSTAT / pSTAT and submits to FEMA for their certification.

pSTAT is now the JointPDA

Due to the nature of COVID-19, Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments are not taking place in the field. FEMA is now utilizing data collected within the pSTAT to certify damages.

Potentially support a disaster declaration and federal assistance

Your identified and reported damages could potentially support a disaster declaration and request for federal assistance.

If FEMA doesn't see it reported, they don't know it exists!

Contact your TDEM District Coordinator with any questions.