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### **Joint PDA teams survey tornado damage North Mississippi**

**PEARL-** Joint preliminary damage assessment teams from the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Small Business Administration and local emergency management officials are conducting Preliminary Damage Assessments today for counties affected by the May 1 storm system that caused severe flooding and two tornadoes.

Three teams will conduct Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments for Individual Assistance in Alcorn, Benton, Lafayette and Tippah. Public Assistance PDAs will be conducted in Alcorn, Benton and Tippah counties.

The PDAs will be used to determine what type of federal assistance may apply to the impacted areas.

The teams are staffed with experts in Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, Human Services and Hazard Mitigation. They will survey the damage and interview residents to determine the extent of the disaster on individuals and families.

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