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Joint Assessment teams survey tornado damage

PEARL- Joint 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 in areas hit by Saturday's severe storms and tornadoes.

Seven teams left from the State Emergency Operations Center in Pearl this morning to assess the damages in Choctaw and Yazoo counties. When the PDAs are completed in these counties teams will then survey damage in Attala, Holmes and Warren counties. Surveys in Monroe and Union counties will follow.

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

The teams are staffed with experts in 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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