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Gov. Seeks Disaster Declaration for Northern Mo

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Governor Jay Nixon is seeking a federal disaster declaration for 20 northern Missouri counties that were raked by severe storms last month.

Nixon said Wednesday that the storm system on September 9th through 10th spawned high winds that damaged schools and other public buildings and dumped heavy rains that caused widespread flooding.

The governor said an assessment showed extensive damage to roads, bridges and low-water crossings on streets. At one point, 70 different roads were closed because of flooding.

If approved, the disaster declaration would allow federal reimbursements for the costs of responding to and repairing public infrastructure and buildings.

The request covers the counties of Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Daviess, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mercer, Nodaway, Putnam, Ralls, Shelby, Sullivan and Worth.

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