



### For Immediate Release

**Crow Reservation Flood Leaves Families Homeless.** The flooding that began Friday in southeastern Montana and continued throughout the week-end has devastated at least 50 (fifty) homes of over 60 (sixty) families on the Crow Reservation, which is located south of Billings, MT. The flood spread quickly, flooding homes and buildings and washing out roads and bridges.

Crow Tribal response teams, along with BIA and other government agencies, evacuated residents to temporary shelters in Hardin and Billings. Some residents have voluntarily remained in their homes. “It’s hard to assess the exact number of families impacted by this disaster or the monetary damage to our infrastructure” said Chairman Black Eagle. When allowed to return today, many residents found their homes a total loss. Work crews are still working to fill sand bags in preparation for anticipated rainfall expected this week. Crews also continue to rescue isolated families.



The junction of I-90 and Highway 212, which goes to Lame Deer, is still under several feet of water and I-90 remains closed. Word of the tragedy spread quickly amongst Indian Country and donations are desperately needed. Any level of donation is valuable in sustaining and rebuilding the community and families of the Crow Community.



The Incident Command Center is accepting donations at the designated distribution site, Little Bighorn College -Student Union Building. Needed donations include water, household items (ie. toiletries, clothing, and baby items), and non/perishable food items. The Little Bighorn College physical address is – 1 Forestry Lane, Crow Agency, MT 59022 and the offices are open 8:00 am-7:00 pm. Monetary donations are also being accepted through a fund established at First Interstate Bank in Hardin, MT. Please contact the bank at (406)665-3822 for instructions on making a donation. Parties wishing to donate can also mail donations to the bank at 402 North Center Avenue, Hardin, MT, 59034. Please make donations payable to the “Crow Tribe Disaster Relief Fund”. Further inquiries can be made at the Incident Command Center: (406)638-2247.

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