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MORTGAGEE LETTER 97-03

TO: ALL APPROVED MORTGAGEES

SUBJECT: Single Family Loan Production and Servicing - Special Program, Underwriting, and Servicing Policies to Assist Victims of Presidentially - Declared Major Disaster Areas, Minnesota and Washington

This Mortgagee Letter is to advise you of actions taken by the Department to assist victims of winter storms and blizzards in Minnesota and flooding and landslides in Washington State.

The President's declaration of a major disaster area for Minnesota was signed on January 16, 1997 and includes Becker, Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Chippewa, Clay, Clearwater, Cottonwood, Douglas, Faribault, Grant, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Kittson, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Mahnomen, Marshall, Martin, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Pipestone, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Roseau, Stevens, Swift, Traverse, Watonwan, Wilkin and Yellow Medicine counties.

The President's declaration of a major disaster area for Washington State was signed on January 17, 1997 and includes King and Snohomish counties.

Chapter 2 and 4330.1~REV-5 , Chapter 14 are in effect immediately and will remain in effect for one year from the date of the President's declaration.

Any areas added to this declaration will also be eligible for disaster relief and the same procedures apply.

If you have any questions, please contact your local HUD Office.

Sincerely yours,

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