

**Request for Approval under the
“Generic Clearance for Notice of Loss and Proof of Loss”
(OMB Control Number: 1660-0159)**

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: FF-104-FY-24-117 Smoke & Ash Cleaning Form

PURPOSE: Use of FEMA Form FF-104-FY-24-117 Smoke & Ash Cleaning is to document and assess the extent of damage caused by smoke and ash resulting from the Hermit’s Peak/Calf Canyon Fires. This form assists in facilitating the evaluation of damage, cleanup efforts, and compensation the claimant is seeking. The information requested claimant contact information (claim number, name, damaged property address, phone number, email address); coordinates (latitude and longitude); rent or own; others with a legal interest in the property; main structure (number of stories; estimated sq. ft.); contents; other structures on the property; additional information; co-owner signatures (if applicable); signature.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: The target group for this information collection comprises individuals, households, and entities directly affected by a fire. These respondents include those who have experienced the impact of fire on their homes, livelihoods, and over-all well-being. The aim is to engage with those who have first-hand knowledge of the challenges, losses, and needs resulting from a fire.

Key Characteristics of the Respondents:

1. Residential Impact: Individuals who have seen their homes directly impacted by the fire, whether through damage, destruction, or evacuation.
2. Economic Impact: Households that may have experienced economic setbacks due to the fire, including disruptions to employment, business operations, or income sources.
3. Community Engagement: Individuals actively involved in the affected community, fostering a community-centric approach to understanding the collective impact and needs.
4. Varying Demographics: Respondents may represent diverse demographic profiles, including age, income levels, family structures, and cultural backgrounds.
5. Multi-Household Dynamics: Understanding the dynamics of households, especially those with varying family structures or shared living arrangements, to tailor assistance and support accordingly.
6. Specific Needs: Identification of specific needs arising from the fire, such as immediate housing, financial support, healthcare, or emotional well-being.
7. Geographic Location: Recognizing the geographical dispersion of impacted individuals and households to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the varied challenges faced.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: (Check one)

- Customer Comment Card/Complaint Form
- Usability Testing (e.g., Website or Software)
- Focus Group
- Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Small Discussion Group
- Other: Claims Processing

CERTIFICATION:

I certify the following to be true:

1. The collection is required to obtain benefits.
2. The collection is non-controversial and does not raise issues of concern to other federal agencies.
3. FEMA needs to collect necessary information to perform these activities.
4. Usability testing has been completed on this instrument.

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To assist review, please provide answers to the following question:

Personally Identifiable Information:

1. Is personally identifiable information (PII) collected? Yes No
2. If Yes, is the information that will be collected included in records that are subject to the Privacy Act of 1974? Yes No
3. If Applicable, has a System or Records Notice been published? Yes No

Gifts or Payments:

Is an incentive (e.g., money or reimbursement of expenses, token of appreciation) provided to participants? Yes No

BURDEN HOURS: The estimated annual burden hours to respondents is 16,660.5 hours.

| Category of Respondent | No. of Respondents | Participation Time | Burden |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Individuals/Households | 9,479 | .58 | 5,497.82 |
| For-Profit Businesses and Not-for-Profit Institutions | 18,959 | .58 | 10,996.22 |
| State, local, and Tribal Government | 287 | .58 | 166.46 |
| Totals | | | 16,660.5 |

FEDERAL COST: The estimated annual cost to the Federal government is \$199,926.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents

- 1. Do you have a customer list or something similar that defines the universe of potential respondents and do you have a sampling plan for selecting from this universe?
 Yes No

If the answer is yes, please provide a description of both below (or attach the sampling plan)? If the answer is no, please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them?

Response: We plan to identify our potential group of respondents primarily through our existing database of claimants who have been affected by the fire and flood events. This database includes individuals who have submitted claims for assistance or have been identified through outreach efforts conducted by our program. Additionally, we will leverage our partnership with local government agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders involved in disaster recovery efforts to reach out to potential respondents who may not be captured in our database.

The program will utilize a combination of methods including online forms, telephone interviews, and in-person meetings to reach out to our selected respondents. This multi-modal approach will allow us to accommodate the preferences and accessibility of different individuals within our target population, ensuring comprehensive coverage and maximizing response rates.

Overall, our strategy for identifying and selecting potential respondents is designed to be inclusive, representative, and efficient, enabling us to gather necessary data from those directly impacted by the Hermit's Peak Canyon fire and flood events.

Administration of the Instrument

- 1. How will you collect the information? (Check all that apply)
 - Web-based or other forms of social media
 - Telephone
 - In-person
 - Mail
 - Other, Explain
- 2. Will interviewers or facilitators be used? Yes No

Please make sure that all instruments, instructions, and scripts are submitted with the request.

Instructions for completing Request for Approval under the “Generic Clearance for Notice of Loss and Proof of Loss”

TITLE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION: Provide the name of the collection that is the subject of the request. (e.g. Comment card for soliciting feedback on xxxx)

PURPOSE: Provide a brief description of the purpose of this collection and how it will be used. If this is part of a larger study or effort, please include this in your explanation.

DESCRIPTION OF RESPONDENTS: Provide a brief description of the targeted group or groups for this collection of information. These groups must have experience with the program.

TYPE OF COLLECTION: Check one box. If you are requesting approval of other instruments under the generic, you must complete a form for each instrument.

CERTIFICATION: Please read the certification carefully. If you incorrectly certify, the collection will be returned as improperly submitted or it will be disapproved.

Personally Identifiable Information: Provide answers to the questions.

Gifts or Payments: If you answer yes to the question, please describe the incentive and provide a justification for the amount.

BURDEN HOURS:

Category of Respondents: Identify who you expect the respondents to be in terms of the following categories: (1) Individuals or Households;(2) Private Sector; (3) State, local, or tribal governments; or (4) Federal Government. Only one type of respondent can be selected.

No. of Respondents: Provide an estimate of the Number of respondents.

Participation Time: Provide an estimate of the amount of time required for a respondent to participate (e.g. fill out a survey or participate in a focus group)

Burden: Provide the Annual burden hours: Multiply the Number of responses and the participation time and divide by 60.

FEDERAL COST: Provide an estimate of the annual cost to the Federal government.

If you are conducting a focus group, survey, or plan to employ statistical methods, please provide answers to the following questions:

The selection of your targeted respondents. Please provide a description of how you plan to identify your potential group of respondents and how you will select them. If the answer is yes, to the first question, you may provide the sampling plan in an attachment.

Administration of the Instrument: Identify how the information will be collected. More than one box may be checked. Indicate whether there will be interviewers (e.g. for surveys) or facilitators (e.g., for focus groups) used.

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