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\$1M of relief funds for Malheur County

SALEM, Ore.-Gov. Kate Brown announced \$1 million in state assistance to support winter storm recovery in Malheur County. The relief funds will be managed by the Oregon Economic Development Department and will be used for building structure damage assessment costs, onion disposal and assistance in replacement of value-added agriculture processing and storage facilities. The governor will also request a presidential disaster declaration, which the Trump administration will address in coming weeks. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., wrote a letter to the president asking the administration to approve the request and provide the federal assets needed to address the needs in disaster areas.

In response to the collaborative efforts and relief funds provided to Malheur County, state Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, released the following statement:

"We are thankful to the governor, lawmakers and Congressman Walden for the collective efforts to provide much-needed relief to rural Oregonians hit hard by winter storms. The devastation is overwhelming, but the relief comes as good news to those in need."