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FCC DEACTIVATES THE DISASTER INFORMATION REPORTING SYSTEM AND THE MANDATORY DISASTER RESPONSE INITIATIVE IN MISSISSIPPI FOR COMMUNICATIONS IMPACTS FROM WINTER STORM FERN

On January 23, 2026, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), announced the activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) and the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative (MDRI) in certain counties in states impacted by Winter Storm Fern.¹ Subsequently, at the request of relevant state emergency management agencies, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) amended the area of the DIRS and MDRI activation.²

By this Public Notice, at the request of the State of Mississippi and in coordination with FEMA, we announce the deactivation of the DIRS and the MDRI for the following counties in Mississippi:

Mississippi: Alcorn, Benton, Calhoun, Carroll, Choctaw, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Kemper, Lafayette, Leflore, Marshall, Montgomery, Panola, Pontotoc, Prentiss, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tippah, Tishomingo, Union, Yalobusha, and Yazoo

Cable communications providers, wireless service providers, wireline communications providers, and interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers that provide service in the above-referenced areas are no longer required to report their infrastructure status daily in DIRS for this event.³ These providers must provide a single, final report to the Commission within 24 hours of release of this Public Notice detailing the state of their infrastructure at the time of DIRS deactivation and an estimated

¹ *The Federal Communications Commission Activates the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS) and the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative (MDRI) In Response To Winter Storm Fern*, Public Notice, DA 26-77 (PSHSB Jan. 23, 2026).

² *See FCC Amends the Activation Area of the Disaster Information Reporting System and the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative in Mississippi and Tennessee for Communications Impacts From Winter Storm Fern*, Public Notice, DA 26-92 (PSHSB Jan. 28, 2026); *FCC Deactivates the Disaster Information Reporting System and the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative in Certain States for Communications Impacted by Winter Storm Fern*, Public Notice, DA 26-91 (PSHSB Jan. 27, 2026); *The Federal Communications Commission Deactivates the Disaster Information Reporting System and the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative in Several States for Communications Impacted by Winter Storm Fern*, Public Notice, DA 26-87 (PSHSB Jan. 26, 2026); *The Federal Communications Commission Modifies the Activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System and the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative For Communications Impacted by Winter Storm Fern*, Public Notice, DA 26-84 (PSHSB Jan. 25, 2026); *The Federal Communications Commission Announces the Expansion of the Disaster Information Reporting System and the Mandatory Disaster Response Initiative For Communications Impacted By Winter Storm Fern*, Public Notice, DA 26-83 (PSHSB Jan. 24, 2026).

³ *See 47 CFR § 4.18(a)(1)*.

date of resolution of any remaining outages.⁴ PSHSB encourages other communications providers that voluntarily reported in DIRS to also submit a final DIRS report.

As of the release of this Public Notice, cable communications providers, wireless service providers, wireline communications providers, and interconnected VoIP providers that provide service in the above-referenced areas must resume making submissions in the Network Outage Reporting System concerning any incidents that are reportable under those rules.⁵

DIRS AND MDRI REMAIN ACTIVATED IN:

Tennessee: Benton, Cheatham, Chester, Clay, Davidson, Decatur, Dickson, Giles, Hardeman, Hardin, Henderson, Hickman, Lawrence, Macon, Marshall, Maury, McNairy, Montgomery, Overton, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Shelby, Smith, Sumner, Trousdale, Wayne, Williamson, and Wilson

Providers should continue to provide information for the counties in which DIRS and the MDRI remain activated.

The FCC continues to monitor this event and may amend the DIRS or the MDRI activation area in the coming days.

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For more information on the FCC's response to Winter Storm Fern, please visit <https://www.fcc.gov/fern>.

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⁴ 47 CFR § 4.18(a)(2).

⁵ See 47 CFR § 4.18(b).