



# DISASTER NEWS

*Economic Injury Loans for Small Businesses*

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## **SBA Economic Injury Loan Deadline is August 2** *Business owners still have time to apply*

**FORT WORTH, TX** -- Businesses in some Montana, Utah, and Wyoming counties have until **August 2, 2004** to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to adverse weather conditions. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Drought from January 1, 2003, and continuing.

Montana:

Beaverhead                      Gallatin                      Madison                      Ravalli

Utah:

Box Elder                      Cache                      Rich

Wyoming:

Lincoln                      Teton

Excessive heat from June 1, 2003, and continuing.

Montana:

Mineral                      Missoula                      Ravalli

Wyoming:

Teton

Frost and/or freeze from May 19 through June 17, 2003.

Utah:

Cache                      Rich

Wyoming:

Lincoln                      Teton

Insect infestation from June 1 through August 1, 2003.

Wyoming:

Lincoln

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Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the adverse weather conditions reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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*For more information visit SBA's website at [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster).*