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## Natural Disasters and Hazards: CRS Experts

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The following table provides access to names and contact information for CRS experts on policy and legal issues relating to natural disasters and hazards in the United States. Policy areas identified include federal authorities related to natural disasters, specific consequences, federal disaster assistance, funding and financing, preparedness, and science.

Legislative Issues	Name/Title	Phone	Email
<b>Federal Authorities Related to Natural Disasters</b>			
Stafford Act Declarations	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
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Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)	<b>David Bearden</b> Specialist in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Defense Production Act of 1950 (DPA)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)	<b>David Bearden</b> Specialist in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Federal Crop Insurance Act	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Agricultural Conservation and Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
National Flood Insurance Act	<b>Jennifer Lake</b> Section Research Manager	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Oil Pollution Act of 1990	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Posse Comitatus Act	<b>/name redacted/</b> Legislative Attorney	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Public Health Service Act, other public health authorities	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Public Health and Epidemiology	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Specific Consequences of Natural Hazards and Disasters</b>			
Debris Removal and Disposal	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Evacuations and Sheltering	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Public Health	<b>Sarah Lister</b> Specialist in Public Health and Epidemiology	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Temporary Housing and Public Facilities	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Communications</b>			
First Responder	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Telecommunications Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov

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Social Media	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Warning Systems	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Energy and Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Environmental Consequences</b>			
Agriculture	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Agricultural Conservation and Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Drinking Water Quality	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Ecosystems and Coastal Wetlands	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Environmental Review/NEPA	<b>/namedacted/</b> Analyst in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Fisheries	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
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Wildlife	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Infrastructure</b>			
Electric Power Production	<b>Richard Campbell</b> Specialist in Energy Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Fuel Supply Interruptions	<b>Paul Parfomak</b> Specialist in Energy and Infrastructure Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
River Barges, Railroads	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Transportation Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Roads, Highways, and Transit	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Transportation Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Flood Control Systems</b>			
Flood Control, Dams and Levees—Legal Issues	<b>/name redacted/</b> Legislative Attorney	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Floodplain Mapping	<b>Jennifer Lake</b> Section Research Manager	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Levee Certification	<b>Jennifer Lake</b> Section Research Manager	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Levees, Dams, and Shore Protection	<b>Nicole Carter</b> Specialist in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Federal Disaster Assistance</b>			
<b>Stafford Act Assistance</b>			
Community Disaster Loan Program (CDL)	<b>Jared Brown</b> Analyst in Homeland Security and Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov

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Crisis Counseling	<b>Sarah Lister</b> Specialist in Public Health and Epidemiology	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Income Security	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Emergency Response	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Individual and Household Program (IHP)—Housing/Other Needs Assistance	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Public Assistance (PA)	<b>Jared Brown</b> Analyst in Homeland Security and Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
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<b>Non-Stafford Act Assistance</b>			
U.S. Department of Agriculture Land Rehabilitation	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Agricultural Conservation and Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Bureau of Reclamation Assistance	<b>Betsy Cody</b> Specialist in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Federalism and Economic Development Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Department of Defense and National Guard Support	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Military Manpower Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Federal Highway and Transit	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Transportation Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
International Response to Domestic U.S. Disasters	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in International Humanitarian Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Liability for Damages	<b>/name redacted/</b> Legislative Attorney	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Agricultural Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Small Business Administration (SBA)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<b>Nicole Carter</b> Specialist in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
U.S. Department of Agriculture Conservation Programs	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Agricultural Conservation and Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
U.S. Department of Agriculture Disaster Assistance	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Agricultural Conservation and Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov

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<b>Funding and Financing</b>			
Disaster Relief Fund (DRF)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
	<b>William L. Painter</b> Analyst in Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)	<b>Jennifer Lake</b> Section Research Manager	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
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Tax Relief	<b>Erika Lunder</b> Legislative Attorney	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Catastrophic Risk Financing	<b>Jennifer Lake</b> Section Research Manager	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Preparedness</b>			
National Strategies and Policies	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management and Homeland Security Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
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Preparedness Grant Programs	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in American Federalism and Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)	<b>/name redacted/</b> Analyst in Emergency Management Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
National Exercise Program	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in American National Government	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
<b>Science of Natural Hazards</b>			
Climate Variability	<b>Jane Leggett</b> Specialist in Energy and Environmental Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Drought	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Earthquakes	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Energy and Natural Resources	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Flooding	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Hurricane Science	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Energy and Natural Resources	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov
Satellite Technology and Observations	<b>/name redacted/</b> Specialist in Energy and Natural Resources Policy	7-....	/redacted/@crs.loc.gov

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