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## FHA Extends Foreclosure Moratorium for Borrowers Impacted by Los Angeles County, California Wildfires

Today, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published Mortgagee Letter (ML) 2025-07, Extension of the Foreclosure Moratorium in Connection with Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas in Los Angeles County, California. FHA is extending the automatic foreclosure moratorium that was set to expire on April 8, 2025, by 90 days. The moratorium will now remain in effect through July 7, 2025. The provisions of ML 2025-07 apply to all FHA Title II Single Family forward and Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) programs.

This extension provides homeowners with FHA-insured mortgages in the Los Angeles County Presidentially-Declared Major Disaster Areas (PDMDAs) additional time to access federal, state, or local housing resources; consult with HUD-certified housing counselors; and/or rebuild their homes. FHA believes this foreclosure moratorium extension is warranted due to the significant economic and property damage across the county. Mortgagees are required to implement this policy immediately.

Borrowers with FHA-insured single family mortgages located in the Los Angeles County PDMDAs should contact their mortgage or loan servicer immediately for assistance.

Borrowers can also obtain additional assistance in the following ways:

- Review disaster recovery resources from HUD and other Federal and state agencies available on <u>HUD's Disaster Resources</u> web page or contact the FHA Resource Center referenced below to learn more about disaster relief options.
- Contact a HUD-approved housing counseling agency. These agencies have counselors available
  to assist those impacted by natural disasters in determining assistance needs and identifying
  available resources. Homeowners can find a HUD-approved housing counseling agency online or
  use HUD's telephone look-up tool by calling (800) 569-4287. There is never a fee for foreclosure
  prevention counseling.
- For borrowers whose homes are destroyed or damaged to an extent that requires reconstruction
  or complete replacement, contact an <u>FHA-approved lender</u> about <u>FHA's Section 203(h) program</u>.
  This program provides 100 percent financing for eligible homeowners to rebuild their home or
  purchase a new one.
- For borrowers seeking to purchase and/or repair a home that has been damaged, contact an FHA-approved lender about <u>FHA's Section 203(k) loan program</u>. This program allows individuals to finance the purchase or refinance of a house, as well as the costs of repair or renovation, through a single mortgage.