

Appendix

Interview Guide

Interview Section	Interview Questions
Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Please briefly describe your state/county/town. 2. What is your current position in the state/county/town? 3. What was your role in the debris management process for the floods of December 2023?
Preparedness	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Since working for the county, have you experienced a debris-generating event that was either larger or the same in debris generation as the floods of December 2023? 2. Did you have a debris management plan in place prior to the floods? 3. If yes, did you use any FEMA resources as a guide for developing the plan? 4. If you had a plan in place, can you briefly describe the key components? 5. If you did not have a plan in place, what do you believe were the main reasons for not developing a pre-disaster debris management plan?
Response	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefly describe the main disaster debris types that were generated from the floods. 2. Was a temporary debris management site set up? 3. If yes, please describe the process. 4. If no, please explain why no site was set up. Did you have prequalified contracts set up prior to the floods? 5. Did you have prequalified contracts set up prior to the floods? 6. If you had a pre-disaster debris management plan, what component(s) do you feel were the most effective for the response phase and why? 7. If you did not have a pre-disaster debris management plan set up prior to the floods, do you think having such a plan could have enabled a more effective response phase? Why or why not?
Recovery	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Briefly describe the current state of debris management in the recovery phase for the floods. 2. Are you aware of any debris management challenges that have disproportionately impacted the disaster recovery for functional needs populations in the county? 3. If yes, please elaborate. 4. If you had a pre-disaster debris management plan, what component(s) do you feel were the most effective for the recovery phase and why? 5. If you did not have a pre-disaster debris management plan set up prior to the floods, do you think having such a plan could have enabled a more effective recovery phase? Why or why not? 6. In your opinion, what has been the most significant lessons learned on debris management from the floods?