



Emergency Management

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Dear **Metal Roofs 3** applicant,

Our third Metal Roof grant application, with your structure included, was submitted to FEMA in December 2014, and is currently under review by FEMA. This list includes 100 structures, but FEMA only has funding for 58 at this time. This means we have to prioritize them by Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) area, property class, and application date. Your structure, in the Fernberg Corridor / Kawishiwi Road WUI, is listed in the top 58 structures to be approved. But to help as many homeowners as possible, we **now need to know whether you have determined to invest the time and funding to re-roof your structure** if this grant is awarded.

To help you decide, you need to know that your home is listed as either "over 50 years old," or "located in the "potential historic district" of White Iron Lake which may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places due to its three World War 1 era resorts. These structures must undergo an "Historic Review" to determine if they are eligible for listing on the Historic Register.

The Historic Review requires you to pay a fee of \$100 after the grant is awarded (the reviews cost about \$200 and Lake County will match your share). If your structure is found to be *not historic*, then FEMA would reimburse part of your **metal roof** installation. If it is found to be *historic*, they would reimburse part of a **"fire-rated asphalt/fiberglass shingle roof** that matches as closely as possible the current roofing," as FEMA cannot pay to "alter the structure of a potentially historic building."

The \$100 non-refundable fee is a small amount compared to the 70% reimbursement (up to \$7500 per eligible structure) you would receive to re-roof your structure. Still, there is no way to know at this point whether your home will be found historic or not, and some homeowners are not interested in Class A asphalt/fiberglass shingles.

Once the grant is awarded, it will take a few months for the historic reviews to be conducted, so it's likely we would start roof installations in 2016.

Because we have to submit this list by Wednesday, April 1, **please let me know, by tomorrow if possible, if you do NOT want to invest \$100 for your Historic Review.** That way we can give another homeowner a chance to take your place on the priority list. We greatly appreciate your help and understanding with this short notice.

Sincerely,

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