



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2008-036

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES AND IN SUPPORT OF RELIEF EFFORTS

WHEREAS, in recent weeks and continuing through this date, more than one thousand wildfires have burned thousands of square miles throughout the State of California;

WHEREAS, these wildfires, by reason of their number and magnitude, have proven to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the State of California;

WHEREAS, forty one states, including New Mexico, are currently contributing vital resources and personnel in a cooperative effort to battle the wildfires in California;

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a state of emergency to exist in the State of California due to the wildfires and has ordered federal aid to supplement state and local response efforts;

WHEREAS, the far reaching devastation caused by these events is such that nation-wide economic impacts, including impacts in New Mexico, will be felt due to the importance of the State of California to the economic well being of the nation as a whole;

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has a responsibility to take necessary steps to avoid or minimize economic harm as a result of emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico, as a member of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, Section 12-10-15 NMSA 1978, has been asked by the State of California to fulfill the commitment made under the Compact to provide mutual assistance to ensure a prompt, full, and effective use of resources which are essential to the safety, care, and welfare of people in the event of any emergency or disaster declared by a party state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL RICHARDSON, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby declare an emergency condition exists due to the effects of the California wildfires.

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency financial resources in the amount of \$750,000 to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for use in responding to impacts to New Mexico and its citizens and to the requests for assistance from the State of California in order to avoid or minimize economic harm to the people of New Mexico and pursuant to the responsibilities of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, Section 12-10-15 NMSA 1978. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is directed to coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor or his Authorized Representative pursuant to and in accordance with Sections 12-11-23 through 12-11-25, NMSA 1978, and to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate.

I FURTHER DIRECT the Adjutant General to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, §§ 20-1-1 through 20-1-8, NMSA 1978, §§ 20-2-1 through 20-2-8, and NMSA 1978, §§ 20-4-1 through 20-4-14. Such emergency assistance shall be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

I FURTHER DIRECT all Cabinet Departments and agencies of the State of New Mexico to provide any assistance that may be required by the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management or by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative.

THIS ORDER supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Governor rescinds it.

ATTEST:


MARY HERRERA
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
11TH DAY OF JULY, 2008.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO

