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Governor Bill Richardson Asks President Bush to Declare Lincoln County Disaster Area

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today sent a letter to President George W. Bush formally requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Lincoln County, due to flooding caused by heavy rains from the remnants of Hurricane Dolly. The Governor is requesting that the President authorize Direct Federal Assistance for the ongoing response to the flood emergency, as well as individual assistance to help recovery and rebuilding efforts after floodwaters subside.

“It is clear that the widespread severe damage and ongoing threat from the floodwaters create clear and compelling reasons for a Presidential Disaster Declaration,” said Governor Richardson. “I want there to be no delay in providing every possible resource to help the Ruidoso community effectively respond to and recover from this emergency.”

At the Governor’s request, later this week a team from the Federal Emergency Management Agency will arrive in Ruidoso to work with the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and local officials.

Governor Richardson’s letter to President Bush is attached.

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