



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-066

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

The Moc and CZU Lightning Complex wildfires in the State of California caused massive destruction following an initial fire start on August 16, 2020. Both wildfires have burned over 89,000 acres, left thousands of people displaced, critical fire weather is expected to continue, and caused monetary damages estimated in the millions of dollars. The President of the United States issued a Federal Disaster Declaration, Disaster Record-4558-CA, on August 22, 2020 for the State of California, and has further ordered federal aid to supplement state and local response efforts by implementing life-saving measures and other emergency protective measures.

The State of New Mexico, as a member of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC), NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-15, has a responsibility to respond to the requests for assistance from requesting sister states and territories when able to do so. The State of California has asked for assistance from the State of New Mexico in response to the wildfires in California. Therefore, the State of New Mexico is coordinating the deployment of EMAC resources in response to California's requests for assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, 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 emergency conditions exist as a result of the California wildfires;

I DIRECT the Department of Finance and Administration to make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) for use in responding to the requests for assistance from the State of California pursuant to New Mexico's responsibilities under the EMAC, and to help mitigate any economic or other harm that might be felt as a result of the impact on the State of California and its economy. The DHSEM is directed to coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor and her Authorized Representatives pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-15 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, Sections 20-1-1 through 20-1-8; NMSA 1978, Sections 20-2-1 through 20-2-8; NMSA 1978, Sections 20-4-1 through 20-4-14; and NMSA 1978, Section 12-10-15. 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 under gubernatorial control 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:

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 24TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Michelle Lujan Grisham
MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

