



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-014**

### **AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO PREVENT FLOODING IN IMPACTED AREAS ACROSS NEW MEXICO**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Mexico has recently been severely impacted by flooding as a result of widespread fires, including the Calf Canyon/Hermits Peak Fire, McBride Fire, Black Fire, Bear Fire, Mitchell Fire, and Cerro Pelado Fire;

**WHEREAS**, the amount of snowpack resulting from last winter's precipitation has resulted in an unusually dense snow water equivalent (i.e., the depth of water that would result if the entire snowpack were to melt) across New Mexico's mountains;

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service shows that the Jemez Basin is at 450% of normal for snow water equivalent, the Upper Rio Grande in New Mexico is currently at 145% of normal for snow water equivalent, and the Pecos Headwaters Basin is at 129% of normal for snow water equivalent;

**WHEREAS**, National Weather Service shows the Sangre de Cristo Mountains have widespread 10-20 inches of snow water equivalent, with 20-30 inches at high elevations;

**WHEREAS**, rising temperatures and an increased snow water equivalent increases the risk of flooding across much of New Mexico, which has the potential to damage and wash out acequias, country roads, as well as public and private properties;

**WHEREAS**, such damage has the potential to increase the risk of vehicular accidents and limit the public's ability to obtain necessary daily provisions and engage in daily activities;

**WHEREAS**, the damage to the public roadways would pose a further risk to public safety given the limits it imposes on the provision of emergency medical care, law-enforcement access, public access to critical care services such as hospitals and medical providers, school attendance, and access to food and other items necessary for day-to-day life;

**WHEREAS**, local resources available to local public bodies will be insufficient to cope with the resulting situation, and therefore public bodies may request aid, assistance, and relief programs from the State of New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, the elevated risk of flooding disaster across New Mexico continues to be of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic or physical harm and to take proactive actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to authorize the release of emergency funds to protect public peace, health, and safety;

**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 the laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby **DECLARE** a state of emergency to exist across New Mexico due to the elevated risk of severe flooding as a result of rising temperature and above average snow water equivalent beginning on April 11, 2024, and **ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. The Department of Finance and Administration shall make available emergency financial resources in an amount not to exceed seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in

accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15. The funds shall be expended for the resources and services necessary to avoid or minimize economic or physical harm until the situation becomes stabilized; on a temporary, emergency basis for lodging, sheltering, health care, food, any transportation or shipping necessary to protect lives or public property; or for any other action necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and property. The funds shall be expended in accordance with the policy and procedures of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as approved by the Governor or her Authorized Representative.

2. The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall coordinate all requests for assistance and responses to such requests under the authority of and as determined by the Governor or her Authorized Representative. In addition to such other eligibility criteria as may be established by the Governor or her Authorized Representative, applicants requesting financial assistance from the State for necessary action taken in response to the emergency shall be required to demonstrate that the cost of the necessary action exceeds their available resources, as determined based upon criteria developed in conjunction with the State agencies (if any) with financial and budgetary oversight responsibilities for the applicant.

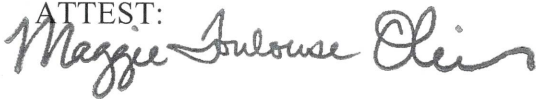
3. The Adjutant General shall order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to civil authorities as needed for this emergency. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with NMSA 1978, Sections 20-1-1 to -8, NMSA 1978, Sections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

4. All Cabinet Departments and agencies under gubernatorial control shall 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.

**I FURTHER ORDER and DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until all authorized funds are expended or no longer necessary to provide emergency assistance.

ATTEST:



MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 26TH DAY OF APRIL 2024

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



MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM  
GOVERNOR

