



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-361

DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN MORA COUNTY DUE TO FLOODING AND AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Mora County has been severely impacted by the Hermit's Peak Fire that began on April 6, 2022, and the Calf Canyon Fire that began on April 19, 2022;

WHEREAS, I previously issued Executive Orders 2022-021 and 2022-076, which declared an emergency in Mora County due to wildfires, released emergency funding to the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and authorized the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide mutual aid to the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, the Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Fire led to ongoing cascading impacts throughout the County;

WHEREAS, Mora County received rainfall that ranged from 2 to 6 inches per hour on August 26 and 27;

WHEREAS, the rainwater accumulations across the burn scars resulted in widespread flooding throughout Mora County and caused extensive damage to both private properties and critical infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the flooding has disrupted essential services, including transportation, emergency response operations, and utilities;

WHEREAS, preliminary assessments indicate substantial damage to both public and private roads, necessitating urgent repairs and resource mobilization in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, this flooding event has prompted the Mora County Board of Commissioners to meet on August 27, 2025, and issue a resolution declaring a disaster;

WHEREAS, the local disaster declaration issued by Mora County states that all available local resources are insufficient to address this emergency;

WHEREAS, the local state of emergency issued by Mora County requests financial aid and material assistance from the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, this disaster requires immediate actions to protect public peace, health, and safety; and

WHEREAS, this disaster is of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and requires the resources of the State of New Mexico to minimize economic and physical harm and to take actions necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

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 in Mora County due to flooding, 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 29TH DAY OF AUGUST 2025

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


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

