



**RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO NATION
COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CHINLE CHAPTER, APACHE COUNTY, NAVAJO NATION, ARIZONA, SPECIFICALLY FOR THE AREAS SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTED BY FLOODING DUE TO SNOW ACCUMULATION, SNOW MELT, AND RUN-OFF, CREATING PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS

WHEREAS:


1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 881, the Navajo Nation Council established the Commission on Emergency Management. The Commission is authorized to assess, verify, recommend and declare states of emergency with the concurrence of the President of the Navajo Nation; and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 883, (A) and (C) the Commission in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management is empowered to coordinate emergency and disaster relief services by Navajo Nation and non-tribal entities and to recommend and deploy appropriate resources regarding natural and man-made emergencies; and
3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 884 (B) (2), the Commission on Emergency Management may seek assistance from federal, state, other tribal governments, and local and private agencies to address emergency and disaster related situations; and
4. Chinle Chapter has experienced severe impacts from flooding as a result of accumulation of water from natural sources such as snow melt, which has caused extreme seasonal run-off, and exacerbated mud conditions, particularly impacting individuals, residences, and other community attributes along the Chinle Wash (downstream, i.e., Many Farms), including damages to homes, property, roads, and continued threats to life, health, safety, infrastructure, and property;
5. Flooding has displaced residents living along the Chinle Wash, triggered evacuations, power outages, potential impacts to utility systems, opening of shelters for the displaced, injuries, damages and loss of possessions; and
6. Local transportation networks have been affected, roads closures have occurred, flooding has damaged local roads, with physical damages evident, including erosion and gulying; and
7. Flood waters eroded an existing berm, significantly impacting homes, property, residents, and presents on-going threats to public health and safety, with potential to increase deposition of silt and sedimentation; and
8. There remain substantial hazards, threats, and impacts to public health and safety from on-going flooding, which need to be addressed through adequate assessments, establishment of priorities, communication, safety measures, coordination, and use of appropriate resources to mobilize relief efforts in the impacted areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management hereby declares a State of Emergency for the Chinle Chapter, Navajo Nation, Apache County, Arizona, for the areas significantly impacted by flooding due to snow accumulation, snow melt, and run-off, creating potential public health and safety risks; and
2. The needs of the Chinle Chapter are to be addressed in a manner so as to provide the necessary resources required to address said declared State of Emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, resources of personnel, equipment, monetary funding, and other resources as may be required to protect the health, safety and welfare of the affected residents of the Chinle Chapter (including downstream, i.e., Many Farms); and
3. Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management hereby finds it necessary and crucial to address the needs of the Chinle Chapter through adequate assessments, establishment of priorities, communications, safety measures, coordination, and use of appropriate resources to mobilize relief and mitigate further threats to human lives and safety; and
4. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management finds it necessary for responsible Navajo Nation entities to immediately begin and maintain coordination for use of resources to meet the needs of all communities; and
5. The Navajo Nation and the Chinle Chapter shall activate available emergency resources such as funding to cover personnel, equipment, and other means as determined fit and feasible to restore and sustain vital community infrastructure.

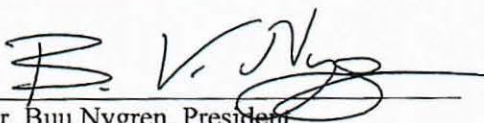
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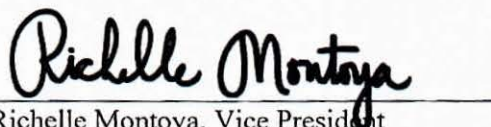
We hereby certify that the foregoing declaration was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management in a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation, (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, this 25th day of April, 2023.


Herman Shorty, Chairperson
Commission on Emergency Management

Motion: Ben Bennett
Second: Dicky Bain

CONCURRENCE:


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