



State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2026-047
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY DUE TO WILDFIRES ACROSS NEW MEXICO AND
AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, wildland fires have or are occurring statewide, and conditions for wildland fires are dangerous and expected to increase;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 500 wildfires have already ignited across New Mexico in 2026;

WHEREAS, currently, there are at least 16 wildfires burning across New Mexico and several of them have been labeled as large wildfires;

WHEREAS, fires such as the McCauley Springs Fire in Sandoval County have placed a significant strain on local emergency resources and resulted in hazardous air quality, and several evacuations;

WHEREAS, the McCauley Springs Fire in Sandoval County has already burned over 700 acres and is only about 33% contained;

WHEREAS, these wildland fires are of such magnitude as to be beyond local control and require state resources, including incident commanders, firefighters, dispatchers, engines and hand crews, as well as emergency action to protect the peace, health, and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of New Mexico;

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is responsible for assisting local jurisdiction with disaster relief, post-fire rehabilitation,

adequate preparation, including pre-positioning to deal with such disasters, as authorized under NMSA 1978, Sections 12-11-23 to -25, and NMSA 1978, Sections 12-10-14 to -15; 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** an emergency situation exists, 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 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) 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 and 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 JUNE 2026

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




MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR