



The Navajo Nation
Commission on Emergency Management



Resolution No. CEM 26-004

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

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO SEVERE MONSOON STORMS, FLASH
FLOODING, AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DAMAGE ACROSS THE NAVAJO
NATION**

WHEREAS:

1. The Navajo Nation Council established the Commission on Emergency Management pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 881, and the Commission is authorized to assess, verify, recommend, and declare states of emergency with the concurrence of the President of the Navajo Nation pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 884(B)(1); and
2. The Commission, in conjunction with the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management, is authorized to coordinate emergency and disaster relief services, recommend appropriate governmental action, deploy available resources, and seek assistance from federal, state, tribal, local, and private entities pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §883 and 884; and
3. The Commission shall obtain, coordinate, and oversee assistance, whether in the form of goods, services, equipment, motor vehicles, or personnel, from all divisions, departments, and enterprises of the Navajo Nation for use in addressing the requirements of the people in any declared emergency pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §884(B)(3); and
4. Despite a wide range of resources responding to the flooding across the Navajo Nation, the CEM now finds a need to amend CEM 26-004 Emergency Declaration to include and emphasize the need for resources to effectively respond to and recover from the flooding and post-flooding risks, vulnerabilities, and impacts to protect public health, safety, property, and minimize or avert the threat of more severe and lasting harm; and
5. The monsoonal season has directly exacerbated events into the Navajo Nation, with recent monsoonal events that affected human health, safety, significantly affected primary arterial transportation routes and related infrastructure such as bridges, displacement of residents, exposure to biological hazards, power outages, and overall hardship on vulnerable populations within the communities; and
6. On July 24, 2026, the Commission on Emergency Management, with the concurrence of the Navajo Nation President, issued CEM-26-004 “Declaration of Emergency Due to Severe Monsoon Storms, Flash Flooding, and Road Infrastructure Damage across the Navajo Nation”; and

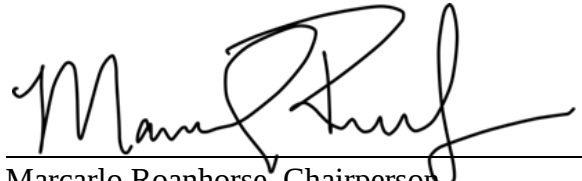
7. Incoming situation reports indicate the significant impacts of the monsoonal storms across the Navajo Nation, including, but not limited to areas of Chinle, AZ, Dennehotso, AZ, Newcomb, NM, Sheep Springs, NM, White Rock, NM, Sanostee, NM, Birdsprings, AZ, Navajo Mountain, AZ, Tohajiilee, NM areas; and
8. Response personnel from Navajo Department of Emergency Management, Navajo Department of Transportation, Navajo Department of Health, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, multiple chapter representatives, and other partners continue to conduct damage assessments, risk assessments, and have identified damages to transport infrastructure, community infrastructure, life safety threats, potential health and sanitation hazards, with existing vulnerabilities and risks compounded by current and anticipated monsoonal flooding; and
9. Coordinated response efforts were activated to assist with response and recovery efforts for the monsoon and post-monsoon hazards to assist affected individuals in the impacted chapters and communities, to address on-going needs for sheltering the displaced, addressing risks to human health, safety, community infrastructure, and other risks; and
10. There is a present and on-going urgency to pursue resources to assist the impacted communities and residents in recovery efforts including conducting damage assessments in partnership with appropriate personnel to further document and minimize the impacts of the monsoonal and post-monsoonal events; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management declares that a State of Emergency exists due to significant monsoonal flooding impacts that continue to pose substantial risk to public health, safety, and community infrastructure; and
2. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management amends CEM 26-004 to include the following:
 - a. The affected chapters will have access to chapter emergency funds to address needs such as sheltering displaced individuals and families, relieving conditions of significant distress, hazards to safety and welfare of impacted individuals and communities; and
 - b. The Navajo Department of Transportation shall coordinate with the Federal Highway Administration to seek and request assistance under appropriate emergency relief programs; and
 - c. In coordination and partnership with appropriate organizations, obtain needed assistance, continue to complete damage assessments that document the impact of the monsoonal rains, and as needed, request federal assistance, and other means to supplement recovery efforts to assist impacted residents and continue to assist with recovery within the impacted areas; and
 - d. Use of available assets to mitigate risk to public health, safety and community infrastructure, including the use of emergency procurement as deemed necessary; and
3. This declaration of a State of Emergency shall remain in effect until such time that the monsoonal season has lapsed, or when this declaration is terminated; and

CERTIFICATION

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 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained, this 17th day of September 2026.



Marcarlo Roanhorse, Chairperson
Commission on Emergency Management

Motion: Johnny Johnson

Second: Dariel D. Yazzie

CONCURRENCE:



Dr. Buu Nygren, President
The Navajo Nation