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San Juan County Lawmakers Thank President Trump and Governor Lujan Grisham for Rapid Emergency Declaration

FARMINGTON, NM – Rep. Rod Montoya (R-Farmington), Senate Republican Leader Bill Sharer (R-Farmington), Sen. Steve Lanier (R-Farmington), Rep. Mark Duncan (R-Kirtland) and Rep. Bill Hall (R-Aztec) today thanked President Donald J. Trump and his administration for their remarkably fast approval of a federal emergency declaration following the severe flooding in San Juan County.

The flooding has impacted thousands of homes across San Juan County and required hundreds of rescues. The declaration opens the door for federal support of the county's emergency response. While it will take time for federal dollars to reach the county, the emergency declaration is a huge first step in getting that money flowing.

The lawmakers also thanked Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham, who came to San Juan County on Monday to see the damage firsthand and moved quickly to request federal help.

"When disaster hits, every day matters, and President Trump's administration did not waste a single one," the lawmakers said in a joint statement. "We have seen these requests drag on far too long in the past, leaving families waiting for help that should have come sooner. This time, the administration acted within days, and we are deeply grateful to the President and his team. We are also sincerely thankful to Governor Lujan Grisham for acting without delay, showing up in San Juan County, and working alongside us to get our communities the support they need. Finally, we thank the first responders, volunteers and families who have worked around the clock to help their neighbors through this disaster."

Residents should follow guidance from San Juan County emergency officials, avoid floodwaters, and wait for safety inspections before returning to damaged homes.

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