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PRESIDENT BEGAYE SIGNS DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY MONSOON STORMS

WINDOW ROCK-President Russell Begaye and Vice President Jonathan Nez signed a Declaration of Emergency on Sunday, Aug. 7, ordering the heads of all Navajo Nation Divisions and Departments to immediately respond to those communities impacted by the heavy rainfall caused by the recent monsoon storms.

The declaration also applies to applicable Chapter Service Coordinators and orders all aforementioned heads and directors to coordinate response to areas impacted by the rainfall.

On Friday, Aug. 5, the community of Shiprock was impacted by flash floods. The flash floods destroyed several homes, roadways and also affected livestock.

"I traveled to Shiprock on Saturday to assess the damage to the community. Roads had been washed out and homes had been destroyed," President Begaye said. "Although we are thankful for the monsoon rains, at this time we see that it's necessary to implement a declaration to assist those that are currently displaced and are in need of food, clothing or shelter."

Many residents affected by the rainfall were relocated to the Shiprock Chapter House where the Red Cross was set up to assist families.

"Many of our community members have been severely impacted by the recent monsoon rainfalls where their homes and property have been damaged or destroyed," Vice President Nez said. "We are asking all departments and divisions to assist in responding to affected communities."

Because many have been negatively impacted in ways that have affected their livelihood, the Office of the President and Vice President implemented this Declaration of Emergency to direct resources in assisting these communities.

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