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OPVP ASSISTS SHIPROCK ELDER FLOOD VICTIM BY PROVIDING NEW HOME



President Begaye stands next to Ina Yazzie, a flood victim, in her new home. Yazzie's previous home was completely destroyed by the Salt Creek Wash flash flood in August.

SHIPROCK, N.M.-On Wednesday, Oct. 5, President Russell Begaye traveled to Shiprock to dedicate the new home of Ina Yazzie, an elder who lost her home in the Salt Creek Wash flash flood.

The president was joined by representatives from Clayton Homes who manufactured Yazzie's new home.

"Her old home is totally gone. It was destroyed in the flood and she was completely devastated," President Begaye said. "Providing this home has really lifted her spirit. She said it has instilled hope in her."

Back in August, monsoon storms hit Shiprock causing a major flash flood in the Salt Creek Wash that devastated several homes. The flood destroyed all of Yazzie's belongings and left her and her grandchildren homeless.

"We care when our people are devastated," President Begaye said. "We mobilized our programs and staff to address this

issue along with other homes the flood destroyed."

Clayton Homes General Manager, Jay Gould said he was honored to have been able to help Yazzie. Gould said all warranties for her home can be serviced locally through the Farmington office.

"If she has an issue she doesn't have to call the manufacturer. She can call us locally," he said.

The elder grandmother was very thankful to the Office of the President and Vice President for assisting her in providing this home for her and her grandchildren.

The president said that assisting Yazzie is an example of his administration's commitment to assisting victims of unforeseen disaster.

"This will continue to be a priority in our administration," he said.