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New Mexico Board of Finance
Bataan Memorial Building, Room 181
407 Galisteo Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Support for Emergency Funding Request – City of Roswell, Roswell Fire Dept.

Dear Members of the Board,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is writing to confirm its awareness of the dire need for emergency grant funding to replace critical emergency response vehicles to serve Roswell as well as surrounding jurisdictions. The Roswell Fire Department not only protects the urban population center but also responds countywide to wildland fires and mutual aid rescue incidents.

Given the geography and the high-wind conditions prevalent during much of the year, they are now in an extremely vulnerable position. Inability to stand up an adequate response to a wildland fire directly impacts watersheds and other utility sources straining state emergency response resources needed in other areas.

The NMED strongly supports Roswell's request to the New Mexico Board of Finance for emergency funding in the amount of \$970,000 to replace their brush/rescue units.

Given the severity and urgency of the conditions, we recommend the Board of Finance give full and favorable consideration to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Rhoderick".

John Rhoderick

Deputy Cabinet Secretary - Administration