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## Governor celebrates Senate passage of \$2.5 billion to make New Mexicans impacted by Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fires whole

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Thursday applauded the passage of \$2.5 billion in federal funding to support New Mexico residents and business owners impacted by this year's Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon fires by the United States Senate. The funding is included in a Continuing Resolution that will continue the funding of the federal government.

The governor issued the following statement:

"This critical funding is the result of our relentless efforts to hold the federal government accountable and ensure that New Mexicans impacted by the Hermit's Peak and Calf Canyon fires are made whole. For months I have worked tirelessly and joined with the state's congressional delegation to push the federal government to take responsibility and provide financial support for New Mexicans affected by the fires which the federal government admitted were caused by the U.S. Forest Service. I am happy to report our efforts have paid off, and New Mexico families are one step closer to seeing the results.

"I am deeply grateful to our congressional delegation and to the leadership of the Senate and House for their work to include this critical relief funding in the Continuing Resolution. I look forward to the quick passage of this legislation by the U.S. House, followed by President Biden's signature."

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