

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 5, 2019

Peter T. Gaynor
Acting Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency
500 C St. SW
Washington, DC 20024-2523

Dear Acting Administrator Gaynor:

We are writing in support of the request from the Village of Ruidoso and the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (NM DHSEM) to receive a Period of Performance extension for PWs 95, 98, 103, 111, 113, 117, and 177 until June 28, 2026, and PW 155 until June 28, 2021.

As mentioned in the letters from the Village of Ruidoso and NM DHSEM, while progress has been made on the projects, there have been a significant number of impediments to the projects meeting the original timeline.

For example, the Village of Ruidoso has often faced delays out of its control such as extreme weather and the variability in flow conditions for Rio Ruidoso, which limit construction schedules. Additionally, a significant amount of project area residents live in a narrow canyon, which presents difficulties in importing material and exporting spoils from the canyon. The procurement time for an engineering firm's design and EA work for each bridge along with the approval time from FEMA Region VI and the NM DHSEM also affect the duration of the projects.

The long-term recovery of the Village of Ruidoso depends on these projects. For this reason, we strongly support granting the extensions requested to ensure that the projects are carried out in a safe, effective, and enduring manner.

Sincerely,



Tom Udall
United States Senator



Martin Heinrich
United States Senator



Xochitl Torres Small
United States Representative

CC: Tony Robinson, FEMA Region VI Administrator
Tracy Brasher, FEMA Region VI Recovery Director
Brian Kamoie, FEMA Associate Administrator for Mission Support