



SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #21448 and #21449; NEW MEXICO Disaster Number NM-20020]

Administrative Disaster Declaration of a Rural Area for the MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice of an Administrative disaster declaration of a rural area for the MESCALERO APACHE TRIBE dated February 23, 2026.

Incident: Severe Storms, Flooding and Landslides.

DATES: Issued on February 23, 2026.

Incident Period: June 23, 2025 through August 5, 2025.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: April 24, 2026.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: November 23, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Visit the MySBA Loan Portal at <https://lending.sba.gov> to apply for a disaster assistance loan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Henderson, Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given as a result of the Administrator's disaster declaration of a rural area applications for disaster loans may be submitted online using the MySBA Loan Portal <https://lending.sba.gov> or in person at locally announced locations. For further assistance please contact the SBA disaster assistance customer service center by email at disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or by phone at 1-800-659-2955. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

The following areas have been determined to be adversely affected by the disaster:

Tribal Area:

Mescalero Apache Tribe.

The Interest Rates are:

For Physical Damage:

Homeowners with Credit Available Elsewhere	5.625
Homeowners without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.813
Businesses with Credit Available Elsewhere	8.000
Businesses without Credit Available Elsewhere	4.000
Private Non-Profit Organizations with Credit Available Elsewhere	3.625

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For Economic Injury:

Business and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere 4.000

Private Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere 3.625

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 214486 and for economic injury is 214490.

The states which received an SBA Administrative rural declaration are New Mexico.

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(Authority:13 CFR 123.(b).)

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