



# State of New Mexico

Michelle Lujan Grisham  
*Governor*

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2024-016

### **DECLARING A DROUGHT AND SEVERE FIRE CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO AND URGING MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO CONSIDER FIREWORK BANS UNDER THE FIREWORKS LICENSING AND SAFETY ACT**

**WHEREAS**, in recent weeks, fire danger has increased throughout the State due to rising temperatures, lower humidity, high winds, and an abundance of dry, fine fuels;

**WHEREAS**, according to the United States Drought Monitor, approximately 97% of New Mexico is currently experiencing drought;

**WHEREAS**, significant fire danger and prevailing drought conditions create the possibility for numerous natural disasters, including severe wildfires, flooding due to severe wildfires, and crop production loss;

**WHEREAS**, parts of New Mexico have an elevated wildfire risk as a result of the ongoing droughts; and

**WHEREAS**, the State is already experiencing wildfires, such as the Medio wildfire in Rio Arriba and the Truck Route wildfire in San Juan County, which have already burned at least 62 acres and prompted immediate responses from local officials.

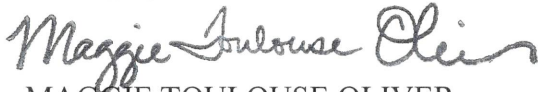
**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Howie Morales, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New Mexico and acting Governor pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby

**DECLARE** drought and fire conditions exist throughout New Mexico and **URGE** New Mexico's counties, municipalities, and local governments to consider implementing appropriate firework bans pursuant to the Fireworks Safety and Licensing Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 60-2C-1 to -11, as well as any other appropriate fire prevention measures that they may legally enact.

**I FURTHER ORDER** and **DIRECT** as follows:

1. This Order supersedes any previous orders, proclamations, or directives to the extent they are in conflict.
2. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until renewed, modified, or rescinded.

ATTEST:



MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER  
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY 2024

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT  
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



HOWIE MORALES  
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

