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September 10, 2011

Mr. Kevin Hannes  
Federal Coordinating Officer  
Bastrop JFO  
5807 Guadalupe  
Austin, Texas 78752

RE: DR-4029-TX-Texas Wildfires

Dear Mr. Hannes:

I request that Colorado, Houston, Leon, Travis and Williamson Counties be added to FEMA DR-4029-TX for Individual Assistance.

A joint federal/state/local damage assessment was completed on September 8, 2011 that verified 14 homes were destroyed and 2 were damaged in Colorado County. They were about 50% uninsured.

A joint federal/state/local damage assessment was completed on September 9, 2011 that verified 9 homes were destroyed in Houston County. They were 99% uninsured.

A joint federal/state/local damage assessment was completed on September 8, 2011 that verified 22 homes were destroyed and 2 were damaged in Leon County. They were 20% uninsured.

A joint federal/state/local damage assessment was completed on September 8, 2011 that verified 55 homes were destroyed and 5 were damaged in Travis County. They were 50% uninsured.

A joint federal/state/local damage assessment was completed on September 7, 2011 10 homes were destroyed and 6 homes were damaged in Williamson County. They were 10% uninsured.

Additional counties will be requested as damage assessments are completed.

Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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W. Nim Kidd, CEM ®  
State Coordinating Officer

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Mr. Tony Russell, Regional Administrator  
FEMA Region VI  
800 N Loop 288  
Denton, Texas 76209

THROUGH: Mr. Kevin Hannes  
Federal Coordinating Officer  
5807 Guadalupe  
Austin, Texas 78752

RE: DR-4029-TX-Texas Wildfires

Dear Mr. Hannes:

In accordance with 44CFR §206.36, I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the state and affected local governments, and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary. I am specifically requesting Public Assistance, Category A (debris) for Bastrop County and Category B (emergency protective measures, including Direct Federal Assistance) for the following counties: Anderson, Bastrop, Bexar, Cass, Cherokee, Colorado, Coryell, Denton, Fayette, Grayson, Gregg, Grimes, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Houston, Hunt, Leon, Madison, Marion, Mason, Montgomery, Nacogdoches, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Rusk, Smith, Travis, Upshur, Van Zandt, Walker, Waller and Williamson.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety.

Pursuant to Sections 502 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5192 & 5173, the state agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The state agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

In accordance with 44 CFR §206.208, the State of Texas agrees that it will, with respect to direct federal assistance:

1. provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved works;
2. hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the federal government against any claims arising from such work;
3. provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA/State Agreement; and
4. assist the performing federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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W. Nim Kidd, CEM ®  
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RE: DR-4029-TX-Texas Wildfires

Dear Mr. Hannes:

I would like to formally request Statewide Hazard Mitigation for DR-4029-TX.

Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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September 11, 2011

Mr. Kevin Hannes  
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JFO DR-4029-TX  
5807 Guadalupe  
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RE: DR-4029-TX-Texas Wildfires

Dear Mr. Hannes:

I am requesting the following five counties be added to FEMA DR-4029-TX for Individual Assistance: Gregg, Grimes, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties. We understand that damage assessments on these counties have not been completed.

The Riley Road Fire in Grimes, Montgomery and Waller counties have thus far caused a total of 167 individuals to evacuate and be sheltered in three separate shelters. Local officials in the counties are reporting 65 homes have been destroyed by the wildfires.

In Gregg County, a mother and her 18-month old child both lost their lives in the Moore fire. The fire caused the destruction of five homes and resulted in 85 homes being evacuated.

Damage assessment information for Gregg, Grimes, Montgomery, Walker and Waller Counties as well as any additional counties will be submitted as assessments are completed.

Thank you for a prompt consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shari Ramirez-MacKay".

Shari Ramirez-MacKay  
Deputy State Coordinating Officer

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