



FEMA

April 10, 2026

The Honorable Jared Polis
Governor of Colorado
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Ave. Rm.136
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Governor Polis:

This is in response to your January 16, 2026, appeal for a major disaster declaration for the State of Colorado as a result of the Lee and Elk Fires, flooding, and mudslides during the period of August 2-29, 2025. You specifically appealed the denial of Public Assistance for Rio Blanco County and Hazard Mitigation statewide.

After a thorough review of all the information contained in the initial request and appeal, we reaffirm the determination that supplemental federal assistance under the Stafford Act is not warranted. Therefore, I must inform you that your appeal for a major disaster declaration is denied.

Sincerely,

KAREN S EVANS

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