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TO: NMSU System

FROM: Dan E. Arvizu, NMSU Chancellor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan E. Arvizu".

SUBJECT: Lincoln County Fires

Like many of us in the region, I've been watching the fire situation that has been developing in Lincoln County and other locations in New Mexico throughout the afternoon. We know there are multiple fires, with the largest—the McBride Fire—already destroying multiple structures and prompting evacuations of schools and homes in and around Ruidoso.

We also know we have several dozen of our NMSU System students who call that area home and who may feel compelled to go to help their families and neighbors in need during this time. Additionally, it's likely we have NMSU System employees who have family in that area and would feel compelled to do the same.

I'm asking our entire NMSU System community, including our faculty and administrators, to do what they can to support these students, as well as these employees, by granting what flexibility might be possible to help them while they help their families during this time.

We say it often that we are a community that genuinely cares about one another, and does what's needed to lift up and support others. I'm confident this situation will continue to enforce that belief.