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## **SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE**

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### **REQUEST FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE DUE TO THE WATCH FIRE**

**July 13, 2024**

Dagot'é (Greetings). On behalf of the over 17,300 members of the San Carlos Apache Tribe ("Tribe"), I humbly request your assistance. Our Tribe has declared a state of emergency due to the disaster caused by the Watch Fire.

We have endured fires before, but the human scale of this one is particularly devastating. Some 14 homes have been burnt to the ground, leaving at least 75 people homeless. None had homeowner's insurance. Most live below poverty. Over 400 people were evacuated – many find themselves crammed into hotel rooms with no idea how to pay the bill.

Families left with nothing but the clothes they wore. Many had no transportation. Kids were seen running with no shoes. Some elders fled with only their wheelchairs and walkers. Hopes, dreams, possessions, and Apache heirlooms have all gone up in smoke.

Although there have been no injuries or fatalities, we have never experienced anything like this. Roads for our communities of San Carlos and Peridot were closed. About 2,200 acres have been completely destroyed. Power lines went down, leaving dozens of homes and government buildings without power and air conditioning in one of the hottest months on record.

We are thankful for the first responders. We are incredibly grateful to Governor Katie Hobbs, Graham County, Gila County, the Town of Globe, the White Mountain Apache Tribe, the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the Tonto Apache Tribe, and to all those who have provided their assistance. However, the question remains as how to meet the needs of those members of the Tribe made homeless?

Today, we need basic necessities, diapers (child and adult), food, water, and clothes. Donations of such items can be shipped to San Carlos High School Gymnasium, 860 U.S. 70 (Milepost 270), Peridot, Arizona, during business hours.

Tomorrow, we will need to clear the rubble and burnt vegetation, restore landscapes, replace vehicles and critical infrastructure, and we will need to build 14 homes. Unfortunately,

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the Federal Emergency Management Agency does not rebuild homes. Other federal funding is limited. And honestly, the Tribe has only limited funds itself, a far cry from what is needed.

To help rebuild, the BMO Bank N.A. has set up an account for funds transfers, which are tax deductible. See attached Wire/ACH instructions. Together, we can help rebuild shattered lives.

Ahi'yi'ê (thank you) in advance for considering my request for your assistance.

Sincerely,

SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE

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Enclosure

BMO Bank, N.A. Wire/ACH Instructions

Cc: San Carlos Apache Tribe  
Tao Etpison, Vice Chairman  
San Carlos Council Members  
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**Wire/ACH Instructions**

BMO Bank N.A.

The following information will be necessary to complete a Wire or ACH transfer:

**Receiving Bank:** BMO Bank N.A.  
320 South Canal Street,  
Chicago, Illinois 60606

**ABA Routing No.:** 071000288

**Account Title:** San Carlos Apache Tribe of Arizona

**Account No.:** 58088295

**Beneficiary Address:** PO Box 0  
San Carlos, AZ 85550

**Reference:** Donations - Wildfire Watch

**INTERNATIONAL WIRES ONLY:**  
**SWIFT & IBAN Code:** HATRUS44

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