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Dear Colleagues,

Last week several members of our Commerce family who work at FirstNet, NIST, NOAA, and NTIA’s Institute of Telecommunication Sciences facilities in Boulder were impacted by the Colorado wildfires that destroyed nearly 1,000 homes and businesses. Thankfully, there were no injuries or lives lost, but several NIST, NOAA and FirstNet employees unfortunately lost their homes in the wildfires.

At the request of Colorado Governor Jared Polis, President Biden swiftly approved a disaster declaration making federal funding immediately available to victims in the impacted communities. The Department also is working with affected employees and is ensuring that all available resources are at their disposal.

Many thanks for your thoughts and prayers and to those who made inquiries on how you can help your colleagues during this very difficult time. As the CFC’s season of giving winds down there are many organizations in Boulder that are aiding disaster relief efforts that you can contribute to by clicking GiveCFC.org.

We are the changemakers who can make a real and meaningful difference throughout our communities, our nation, and around the world. And not because we are so extraordinary, but because we care enough and have a large capacity to give.

Through your kindness you can help rebuild lives. Through your generosity you can be the Face of Change!

Thank you,

Deputy Secretary Don Graves