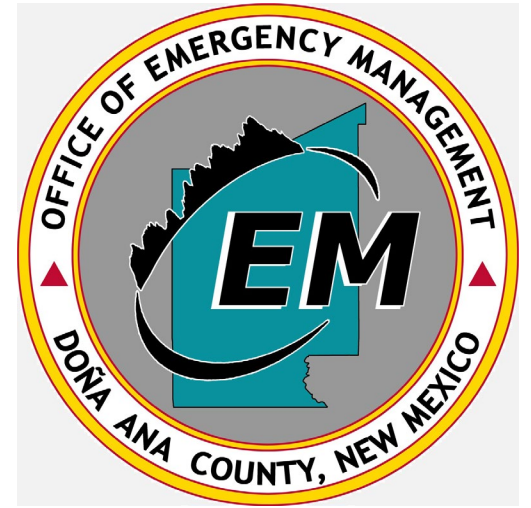


A Coordinated Approach to Disaster Debris Response

**2025 Vado Flooding,
Doña Ana County, New Mexico**



Vado, New Mexico is an unincorporated community of approximately 2,866 people located south of Las Cruces. It is one of our colonias communities.
(2024 Census)

- On July 22, 2025, a thunderstorm moved through the area, producing nearly 2.5” of rain in the watershed just east of Vado. *(NWS – Santa Teresa)*
- Thunderstorm produced the most rain in the Bishop Cap and Pyramid Peak area, causing flash flooding primarily in the Vado Arroyo and affected other arroyo’s further south. *(NWS – Santa Teresa)*



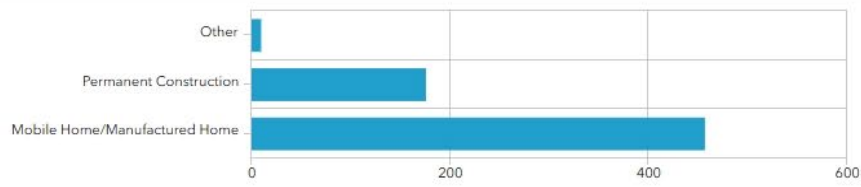


Operations center went to a full activation

- Partners from several agencies working together to support Incident Command, as they dealt with a complex incident.
- Solid waste service providers were called upon to plan and dispatch services for disaster debris



Total Damages
1640

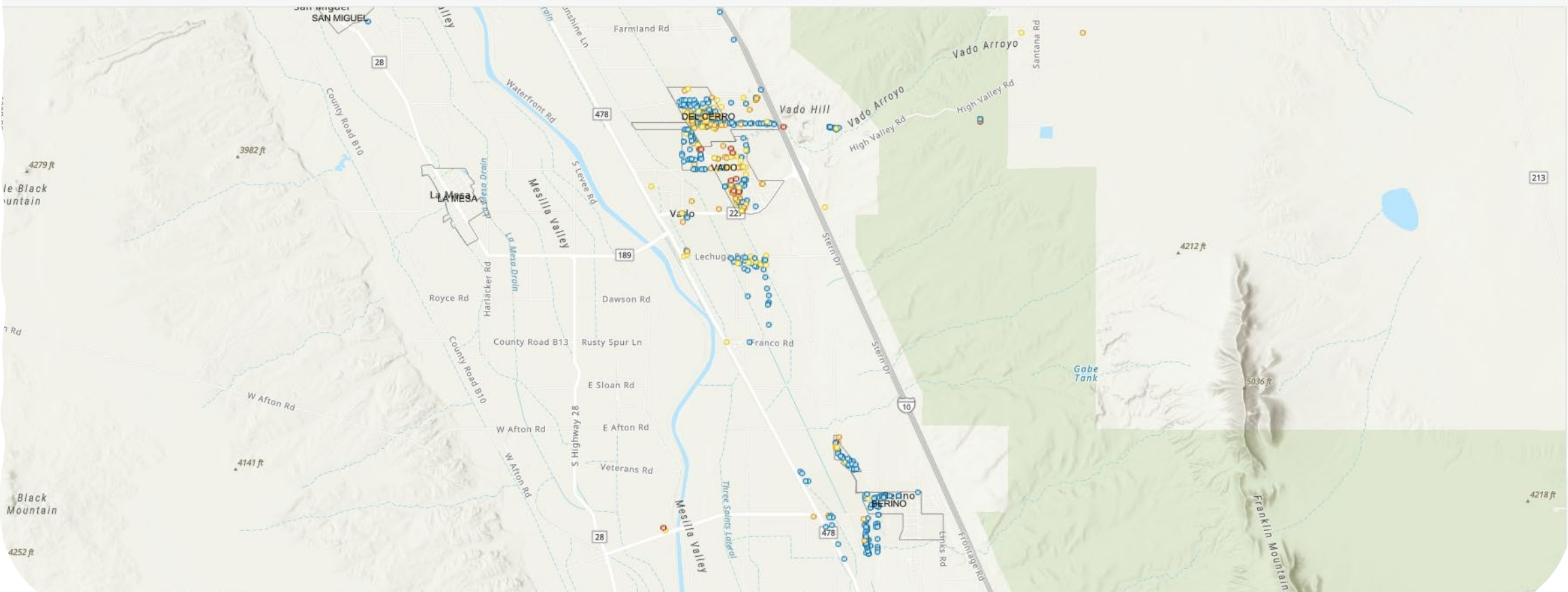


Destroyed
15

Major
136

Minor
110

Affected
373



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- Outreach –dual language (PIO)
- Codes
- Community Development
- DAC Facilities
- SCSWA

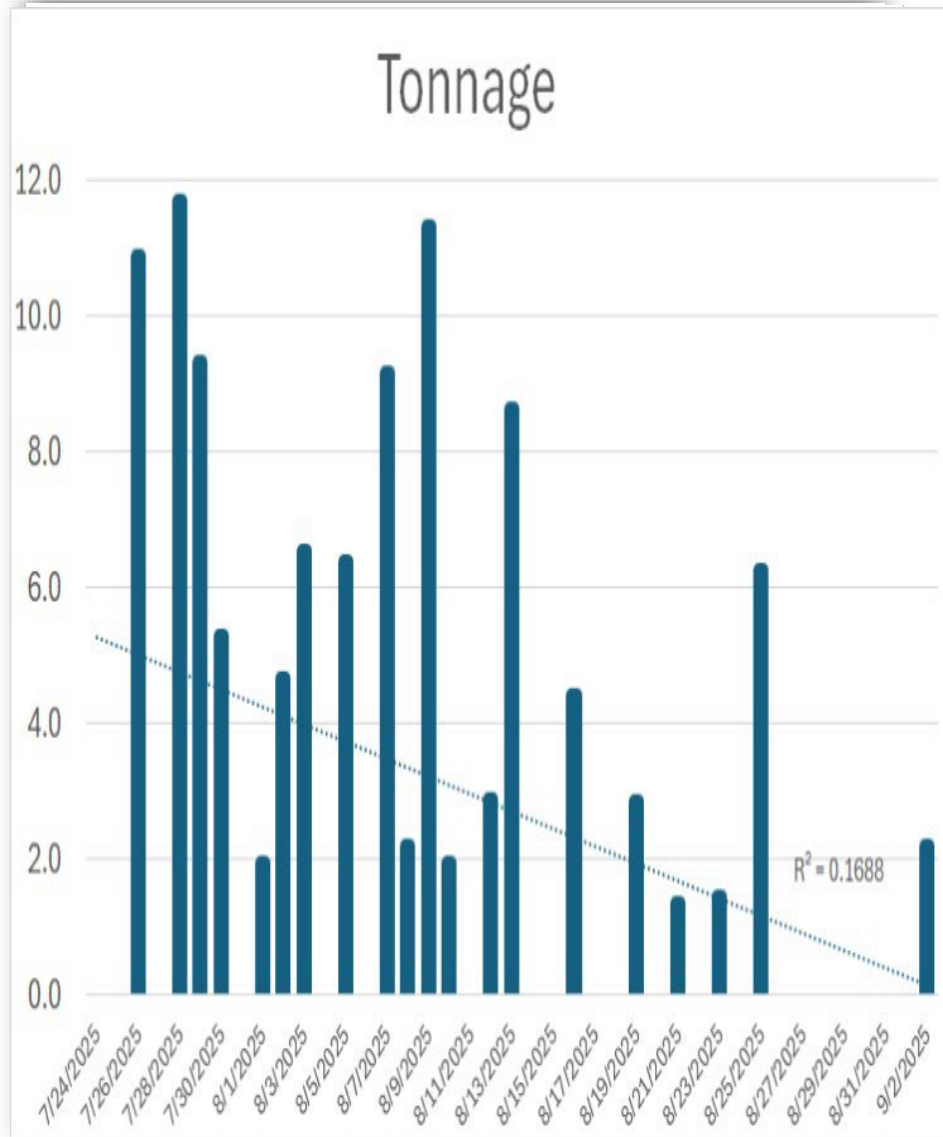


Disaster Debris Removal & Disposal



- **Command**
 - Project (Size and Scope)
 - Objectives
- **Operations**
 - Strategic activities (How to meet the objectives)
 - Operational strategy
 - Roll offs to right-of-way pickups?
 - Coordinated agency efforts
- **Planning**
 - Assets, deliverables and tracking resources & services
- **Logistics**
 - Provide support and report up command chain
- **Finance/Administration**
 - Detailed tracking
 - Service, operations, labor hours

Coordinated Effort at a Glance



- **Timeline of debris management**
 - July 24, 2025 – September 9, 2025 (Phase 1)
- **Detailed of coordination meetings**
 - Bi-weekly to weekly; Modified to meet need
- **Operational strategy**
 - Roll offs provided at key locations
 - Agency communication (Facilities, Codes, and Contractors) providing quantities pick up to-date
- **Landfill Capacity & Monitoring**
 - SCSWA adjusted hours, staffing, and cover material.
- **Community Impacts**
 - Outreach channels to notify of service, language constraints, access considerations and security needs
 - What was the wildcard? **Comm-“unity”**
- **Monitoring flow**
 - Account tracking (Paradigm Gate Software)
 - Truck certifications → load ticket → QA/QC → Invoice.

Tonnages

(Phase 1)

Solid Waste (tons)	Scrap Tires (tons)	HHZ	Refrigerator's & White Good/Metal
119.54	7.44	2 - 5g (paint)	Refrigerators 16 White goods & Metal 1.42 tons

What would we do differently next time?



The water will recede, but the debris leaves its mark.

The real cleanup begins now, with proactive measures that protect your homes, natural spaces and communities. Ensure your next response is one of preparedness, not just recovery.



Questions?

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