

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Les Montoya, General Manager  
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 240  
Mora, NM 87732

March 27, 2023

Dear Mr. Montoya

New Mexico Forestry Division (NMFD) has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC), its employees and members. MSMEC and NMFD has coordinated work during the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire for both the fire containment and for the recovery efforts in minimizing future damage.

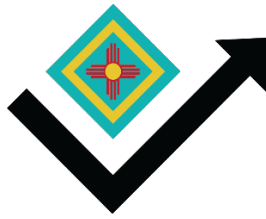
NMFD realizes that reliable, affordable and clean energy is vital to the economic development of this rural and economically disadvantaged area and in light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon wildfire it is undeniable that we have to take measures to prepare and defend against wildfires and other disasters. The NMFD is committed to working with MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to recover and strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid to provide clean reliable energy and continuously develop and grow the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will also improve the resiliency, prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

NMFD is committed to assist MSMEC and consider potential agreements as necessary to help make the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project a success.

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**Shannon Atencio**

Las Vegas District Forester  
New Mexico Forestry Division  
HC 33 Box 109-4  
Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701



**North East Economic Development Organization, Inc.**  
**NEEDO-NM**

03/31/2023

Les Montoya, General Manager  
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 240  
Mora, NM 87732

Dear Mr. Montoya,

Northeast Economic Development Organization (NEEDO) has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC), its employees and members. In fact you served as President of NEEDO-NM in its formative years and have been a strong supporter over time. Likewise we fully support the work Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative does in and for the communities you serve. Reliable, affordable and clean energy is vital to the economic development of this rural and economically disadvantaged area. As an employer, MSMEC keeps a number of highly trained and very well paid positions in the Mora and Pecos to provide essential electric service to the Mora-San Miguel area businesses and residents.

In light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire it is undeniable that we have to take measures to prepare and defend against wildfires and other disasters. NEEDO strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to recover and strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid to provide clean reliable energy and continuously develop and grow the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will also improve the resiliency, prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

NEEDO will, of course, assist MSMEC and consider any potential agreements as necessary to help make the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project a success.

Sincerely,

*Patrick Vanderpool*

Patrick Vanderpool

President, NEEDO Board of Directors

## ***County Commissioners***

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*County Manager*

Les Montoya, General Manager  
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 240  
Mora, NM 87732

March 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Montoya

Mora County (MC) has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC), its employees and members. Reliable, affordable and clean energy is vital to the economic development of this rural and economically disadvantaged area. As an employer, MSMEC keeps a number of highly trained and very well paid positions like journeyman linemen in MC to provide essential electric service to MC businesses and residents.

In light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire it is undeniable that we have to take measures to prepare and defend our County against wildfires and other disasters. MC strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to recover and strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid to provide clean reliable energy and continuously develop and grow the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will improve the resiliency, prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

MC will assist MSMEC and consider potential agreements as necessary to help make the Three-Part Fire Wildfire Project a success.

Thank you,

Mora County Manager  
Eugene Martinez



## San Miguel County

### Office of the Commission

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March 10, 2023

Les Montoya, General Manager  
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 240  
Mora, NM 87732

March 20, 2023

Dear Mr. Montoya

San Miguel County (SMC) has a long-standing relationship with Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative MSMEC), its employees and members. Reliable, affordable and clean energy is vital to the economic development of this rural and economically disadvantaged area. As an employer, MSMEC keeps a number of highly trained and very well paid positions like journeyman linemen in San Miguel county to providing essential electric service to SMC businesses and residents.

In light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Fire it is undeniable that we have to take measures to prepare and defend our county against wildfires and other disasters. SMC strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to recover and strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid to provide clean reliable energy and continuously develop and grow the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will improve the resiliency, prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members.

SC will assist MSMEC and consider potential agreements as necessary to help make the Three-Part Fire Wildfire Project a success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joy Ansley".

Joy Ansley  
County Manager



**Mora-San Miguel  
Long-Term Recovery Group (MSMLTRG)**

**715 National Ave., Las Vegas, NM**  
*(Inside The United Methodist Church)*

Les Montoya, General Manager  
Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative  
P.O. Box 240  
Mora, NM 87732

March 30, 2023

Dear Mr. Montoya

Mora-San Miguel Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) is a community-based organization that has been helping people who have been enduring the aftereffects of the Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire. Mora-San Miguel Electric Cooperative (MSMEC) have a common goal in collaborating to maximize community benefit. LTRG strongly supports MSMEC in its endeavors to bring grant money for the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project to strengthen the resiliency of the MSMEC electric grid and to provide clean reliable energy while continuously developing and growing the workforce in this disadvantaged area. Making these improvements with the aid of grants available will not only improve the resiliency but prepare for growth and the move to clean energy without adding the financial burden to MSMEC members. In light of the devastation of last year's Hermits Peak/Calf Canyon Wildfire it is undeniable that it is important for everyone to consider taking these types of additional measures to prepare and defend against wildfires and other disasters.

It was brought to light during our meeting that there are multiple opportunities that should be explored further. With this in mind LTRG is committed to assist MSMEC and will consider potential partnerships and/or agreements as necessary to help make the Three-Part Wildfire Damage Mitigation Project a success.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Martinez  
Co-Chair MSM LTRG

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