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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Ouray County Extends Emergency Disaster Declaration

Ouray County, Colo – At their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, county officials extended the emergency disaster declaration until Tuesday, October 1, 2024. This extension is due to ongoing monsoonal weather, which has caused substantial flooding, debris flow, and mudflow across the county since August 5, 2024.

Damage is currently estimated at \$2.8 million. The extension allows continued activation of the Ouray County Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Operations Center, facilitating emergency preparedness, response, and mutual aid agreements. Areas heavily affected include County Road 17, 23, 361, Amphitheater Road, Bridal Veil Bridge, Fedel Court, Skyrocket, Oak Creek, and critical infrastructure in Ridgway.

An online portal to report private property damage has been set up to allow residents to provide damage reports that may potentially make it possible to obtain assistance. Ouray County residents can access this portal at:

<https://crisistrack.juvar.com/SurvivorPortal/index.html?cid=ourayCO>. Information requested may include washed out driveways, structural damage, fallen trees, etc.

Questions regarding the online portal should be directed to Ouray County Emergency Management at gboyd@ourayco.gov. Questions regarding the Emergency Disaster Declaration should be directed to County Manager, Connie Hunt, at chunt@ourayco.gov.

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