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Dear Tribal Members,

The Tribal Council determined that it was necessary to postpone the General Meeting originally scheduled for tomorrow, June 25, 2024. As you know, for the past week, all Tribal resources have been focused on responding to the South Fork and Salt Fires. While a lot of progress was made in the last few days, there is still a lot of work to do.

To explain further, while evacuees have been able to return to their homes, the Tribe is supporting Ruidoso and its efforts to help those who lost homes, the Community Center Gymnasium and the Inn of the Mountain Gods Convention Center continue to be used as a storage site for donations and emergency supplies. Further, the Inn of the Mountain Gods will continue to host fire fighters and other emergency personnel. In addition, due to the location of both fires, flash flooding could be devastating, and we must work quickly to begin fire rehabilitation activities to minimize the risk of flash flooding.

For all these reasons, the General Meeting must be postponed. The Tribal Council set July 30, 2024, at 9:00 am as the new date for the General Meeting. While the General Meeting has been postponed, the Tribe will provide public information related to the fires on an ongoing basis in the form of website and Facebook posts and informational meetings.

The Tribe wants to take this opportunity to thank the many Tribal and IMGRC employees and volunteers who stepped up to help over the last week. The support you showed to your fellow Tribal members and the residents of the surrounding communities is commendable.

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