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Dear Ms. Konove:

Under the provisions of Section 125, Title 23 of the United States Code, this is a Letter of Intent by the California Department of Transportation to request Emergency Relief (ER) funds to assist in the cost of repairing damages on Federal-aid highways in California caused by rapidly spreading wildfires.

Beginning on July 29, 2024, the Gold Complex Fire began burning in Plumas County, and on July 24, 2024, the Park Fire began burning in Butte County and spread into Tehama County, resulting in multiple fires collectively known as the Gold Complex and Park Fires, which spread rapidly due to dry fuels, winds, high temperatures, and continued critical fire weather conditions, impacting Butte, Plumas, and Tehama Counties. The Gold Complex Fire in Plumas County and the Park Fire in Butte and Tehama Counties will be tracked individually, and each is required to meet the Federal ER threshold. The fires have caused extensive damage to critical infrastructures and roadside facilities.

The preliminary damage estimate information is being gathered by the State and Local agencies affected. Additional information will be provided with the subsequent ER Application under Disaster CA24-5 July 2024 Gold Complex and Park Fires.

Under separate cover, the Office of Federal Resources will be submitting the ER Application, along with the Governor's Proclamation(s) and Damage Survey Summary Report, to provide the Division Administrator with a basis to make a finding that the disaster is eligible for ER funding.

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If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Dave Changizi, Division of Maintenance at (916) 997-0646, or myself at (279) 234-2578 or by e-mail at <fardad.falakfarsa@dot.ca.gov>.

Sincerely,



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