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Chief Dan Fraijo
City of Prescott Fire Department
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1700 Iron Springs Road, 86305

Dear Chief Fraijo:

On behalf of the Wildfire Prevention Task Force of the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission, I would like to express my condolences and deepest sympathy to you and your crew, the Granite Mountain Interagency Hot Shots who perished in the Yarnell Hill Fire. We in New Mexico understand the dangers of wildfire, but this tragedy is an unbearable loss of heroes whose professional lives protect and serve the public.

I understand from the Santa Fe Fire Chief, Eric Litzenberg, that the work of the Granite Mountain crew was instrumental in training crews here in Santa Fe, especially in relation to the Thompson Ridge fire in Jemez, New Mexico. Their bravery during the Yarnell Hill Fire will long be remembered in all those who knew these courageous men.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you, the town of Yarnell, and the friends and families of the Granite Mountain crew.

With my sincere sympathy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Valerie Espinoza". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Valerie Espinoza
Co-Chair, Wildfire Task Force