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Governor Sisolak Announces State of Emergency after 6.5 magnitude earthquake

CARSON CITY, NV - Today, Governor Steve Sisolak declared a state of emergency for US 95, US Route 6, and US Route 360 due to the damage caused by the largest earthquake the State has experienced in the last six decades.

The May 15 6.5 magnitude earthquake generated vast disruptions and extensive damage to transportation routes in Esmeralda, Mineral, and Nye counties.

"Nevadans and those traveling through our State need safe roads. We will do everything in our power to maintain the safety and security of everyone traveling on our roadways," said Gov. Sisolak. "This declaration of emergency will help the Nevada Department of Transportation respond quickly and efficiently."

Emergency repairs were performed to open the roadways, but further damage inspection of the highways determined that the extent of the destruction was beyond normal repair.

As the damage caused is expected to exceed \$700,000 a State Declaration of Emergency was required to access Federal Highway Administration Emergency Response funding. The assistance of the Nevada Department of Transportation is needed to immediately begin reconstruction on the affected areas to protect the health and safety of those within our State lines.

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