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Through: Mr. Dennis Hunsinger  
Acting Regional Administrator  
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Re: Time Extension to Request Emergency or Major Disaster – Highway 410 Landslide

Dear Mr. Fugate:

Thank you again for meeting with me on Thursday, October 29. As you will recall, one of the difficult situations facing us is a landslide that has closed Highway 410, blocked the Naches River and damaged a number of homes and business in the area. Under the provisions of 44 CFR Parts 206.35(a) and 206.36(a), I request a 30-day extension until December 9, 2009, for the purpose of determining the appropriateness of requesting an emergency or major disaster for a landslide for the state of Washington. This additional time will be used to complete the verification and analysis of information related to the incident and associated public infrastructure and private property damage.

There is an ongoing process to determine cleanup costs and provide temporary access to over 600 residents in the area. Initial reports of damage to public infrastructure and homes indicate the possibility of sufficient damage to justify an emergency or major disaster declaration request for this incident. If additional damage reports will support it, the state will request a joint FEMA-State Preliminary Damage Assessment to validate the damage.

I have designated Kurt Hardin, 253-512-7061 or [k.hardin@emd.wa.gov](mailto:k.hardin@emd.wa.gov), as the State Coordinating Officer and Governor's Authorized Representative for this request. He will work with the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and may provide further information or justification on my behalf.

We look forward to a favorable response to this request.

Sincerely,

/s/

Christine O. Gregoire  
Governor