

Help the town of Marysvale get flood planning to help protect Highway 89! Write a letter like the one below:

Please give to Karen Christensen, 909-226-6331 Marysvale town clerk marysvaleclerk@gmail.com by Feb 11, 2025.

Name and Address:

Date:

U.S. Secretary of Transportation
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Letter of Support for the 2024 PROTECT Grant Application for the San Juan and Piute Counties Drainage Resiliency Planning Study

Dear Secretary of Transportation:

I want to express my support for the San Juan and **Piute Counties Drainage Resiliency Planning Study**.

I understand this study will determine how to protect Highway 89 so Marysvale and Marysvale Canyon are not destroyed by “flood after fire” from our 20,000 acre wildfire last year. This is incredibly important to our town citizens and many visitors.

Upsizing the box culvert/bridge at Highway 89 and Pine/Bullion Creek will be very necessary to deal with the 7-10 times amount of water and debris flows that are likely to come down Pine/Bullion Creek in our spring runoff and summer monsoons because of the huge burn scar in the mountains above us.

Increasing the capacity of the culvert under Hwy 89 and 300 North is tremendously important. Even before we had the burn scar, floods have often overtopped the highway there, flooding homes and damaging properties for our 350 citizens.

Highway 89 in Marysvale Canyon has been overtopped at Deer Creek and at Gold Mountain, leaving masses of debris and mud on the highway during the past decade. Beaver Creek has such a huge burn scar that it could easily flood and cut Highway 89.

If Highway 89 is cut – the bridge at 89 and Pine Creek or the Beaver Creek crossing –not only Marysvale will suffer. Highway 89 is a crucial north/south traffic corridor that not only serves Piute county but also is by far the best alternate route if Interstate Highway I-15 is blocked to the west of us.

Please fund this study so Marysvale, Piute County, and Highway 89 can continue to recover from the damage of last year’s wildfire. Our small rural Utah town needs your help!

Sincerely,

Name

Title and Organization (if any)