If you or someone you know has lost a speech generating device or AAC system in the New Mexico fires,

PLEASE CONTACT:

disasterrelief@ussaac.org for more information.
USSAAC has been assisting people who use AAC after disasters since 2005, in response to Hurricane Katrina. The primary focus is on providing communication access by replacing existing speech generating devices (SGDs) and other tools so that individuals with complex communication needs can again express themselves clearly in a time of critical recovery and beyond.

USSAAC has also hosted conferences and supported presentations nationally and internationally to educate AAC professionals and those that use AAC about issues related to AAC and disaster preparedness. In addition, USSAAC has developed a free text-message based Toolkit for Disaster Preparedness that offers tools, tips, and resources for AAC users before, during and after a disaster:

Disaster Preparation for People Who Use AAC and their Families
https://ussaac.org/readiness/

Since Katrina, USSAAC, along with multiple partner organization and donors, has provided resources and support for those affected by disasters, including Hurricanes Harvey (Texas), Irma (Florida), and Maria (Puerto Rico & the US Virgin Islands), as well as recent wildfires, including the Marshal Fire (Colorado) and tornados across the country.

All of these efforts are funded by donations and 100% of donated funds are used for AAC disaster preparedness education and relief.