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Federal Test of Emergency Alert System (EAS) – September 28, 2016

Aztec, NM – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in coordination with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), will conduct a mandatory nationwide test of the [Emergency Alert System \(EAS\)](#) on **Wednesday, September 28, at 12:20 p.m. (2:20 p.m. EDT)** to verify the delivery and broadcast, and assess the readiness for distribution of the national level test message.

The test is intended to ensure public safety officials have the methods and systems that will deliver urgent alerts and warnings to the public in times of an emergency or disaster. The message of the test will be similar to the regular monthly test message of EAS, normally heard and seen by the public:

“This is a national test of the Emergency Alert System. This is only a test.”

FEMA and partners are working to ensure you can receive alerts and warnings quickly through several different technologies no matter where you are—at home, at school, at work, or in the community. The FEMA App, which can be downloaded on both Android and Apple devices, is one way to ensure you receive both preparedness tips and weather alerts of your choice.

More information on the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) is available at www.ready.gov/alerts.

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