# TELECOM DISASTER RECOVERY-RESILIENCY PANEL

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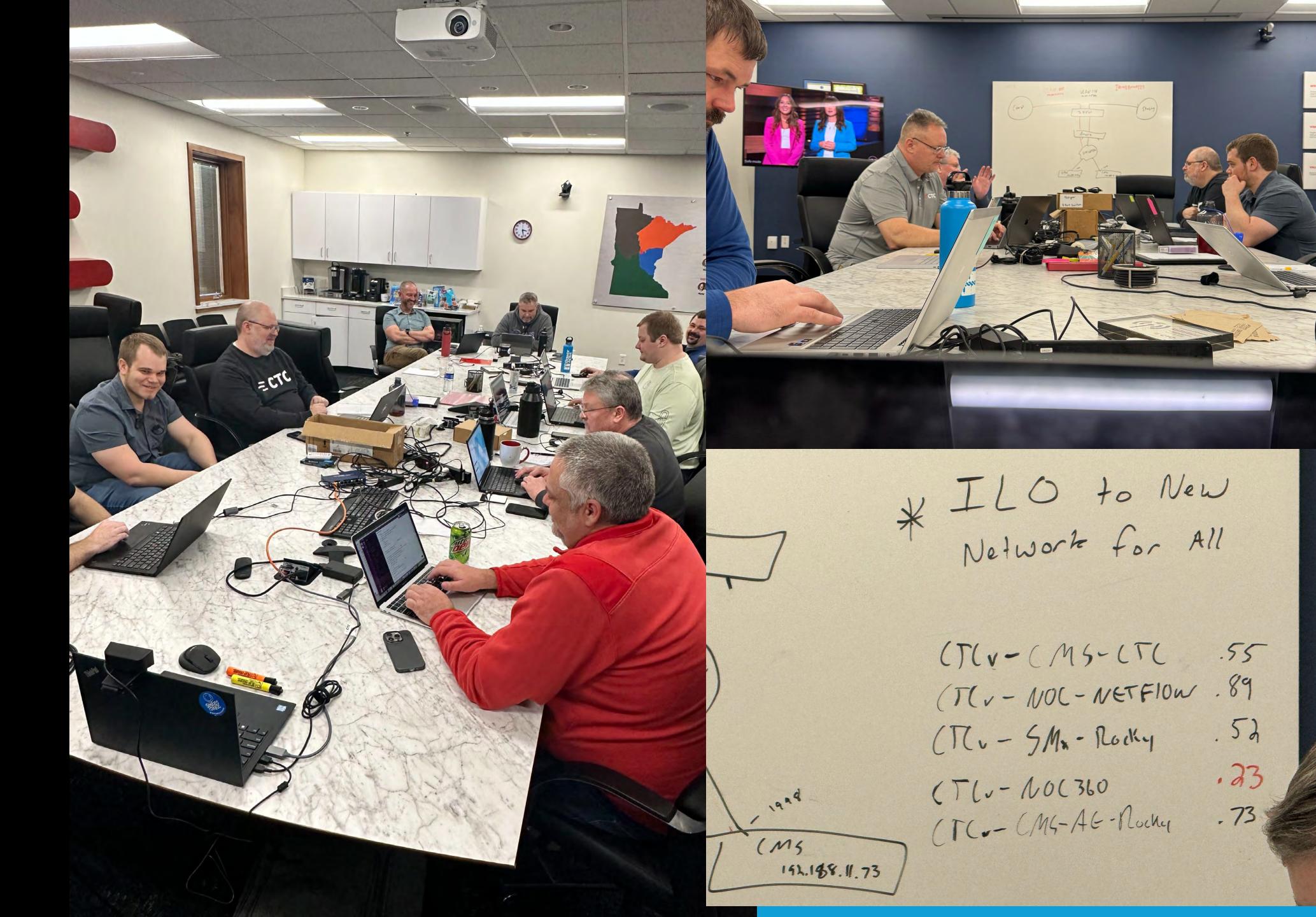
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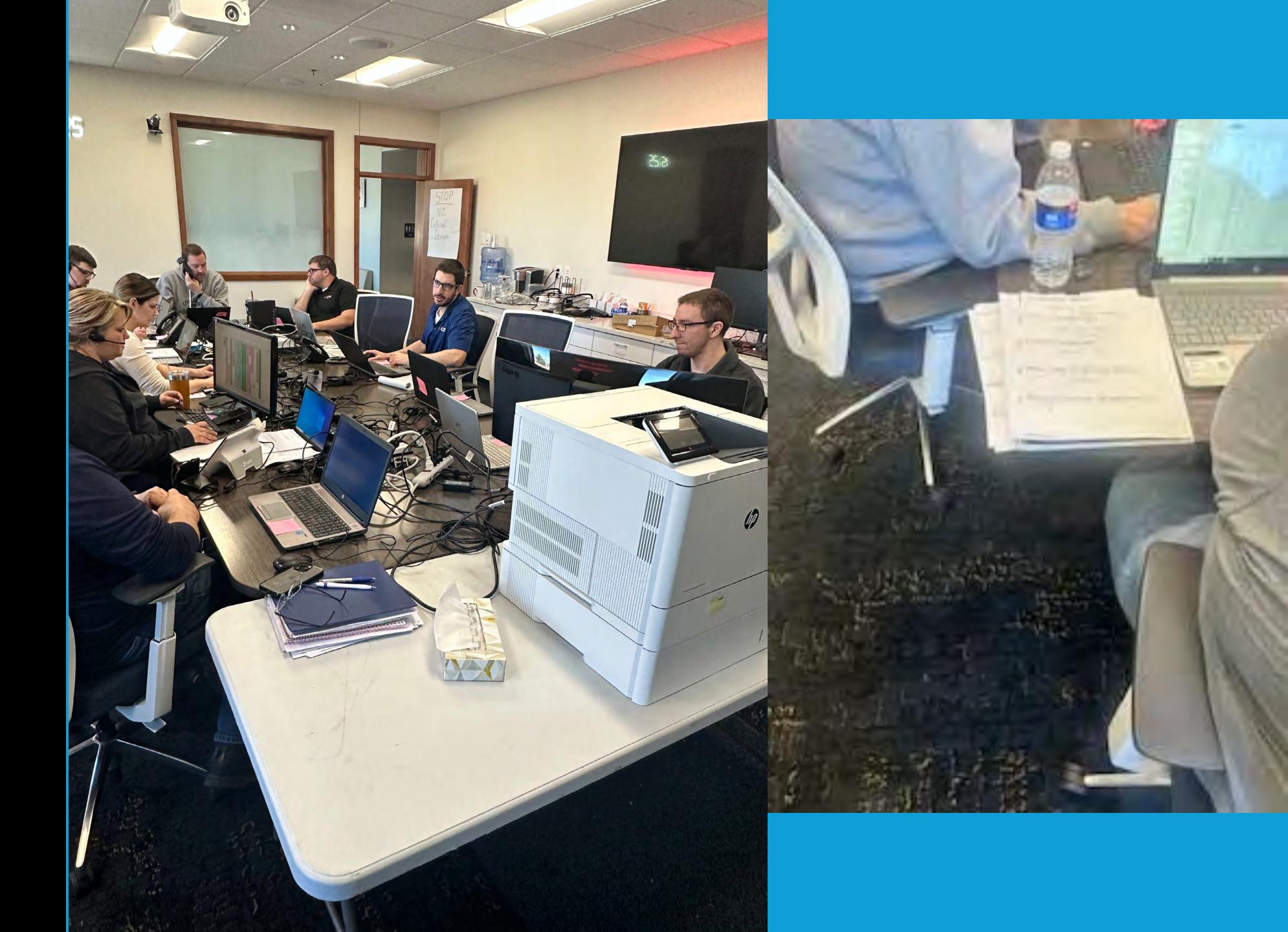
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#### NETWORK



### MEMBER SERVICES



#### **CORPORATE IT**



### Devastation in Rural Oklahoma: Challenges, Impact, and Recovery

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## Catastrophic Tornado Damage in Sulphur, OK – April 27, 2024

**Devastation** 



Chickasaw Telephone Company Sustains Significant Damage





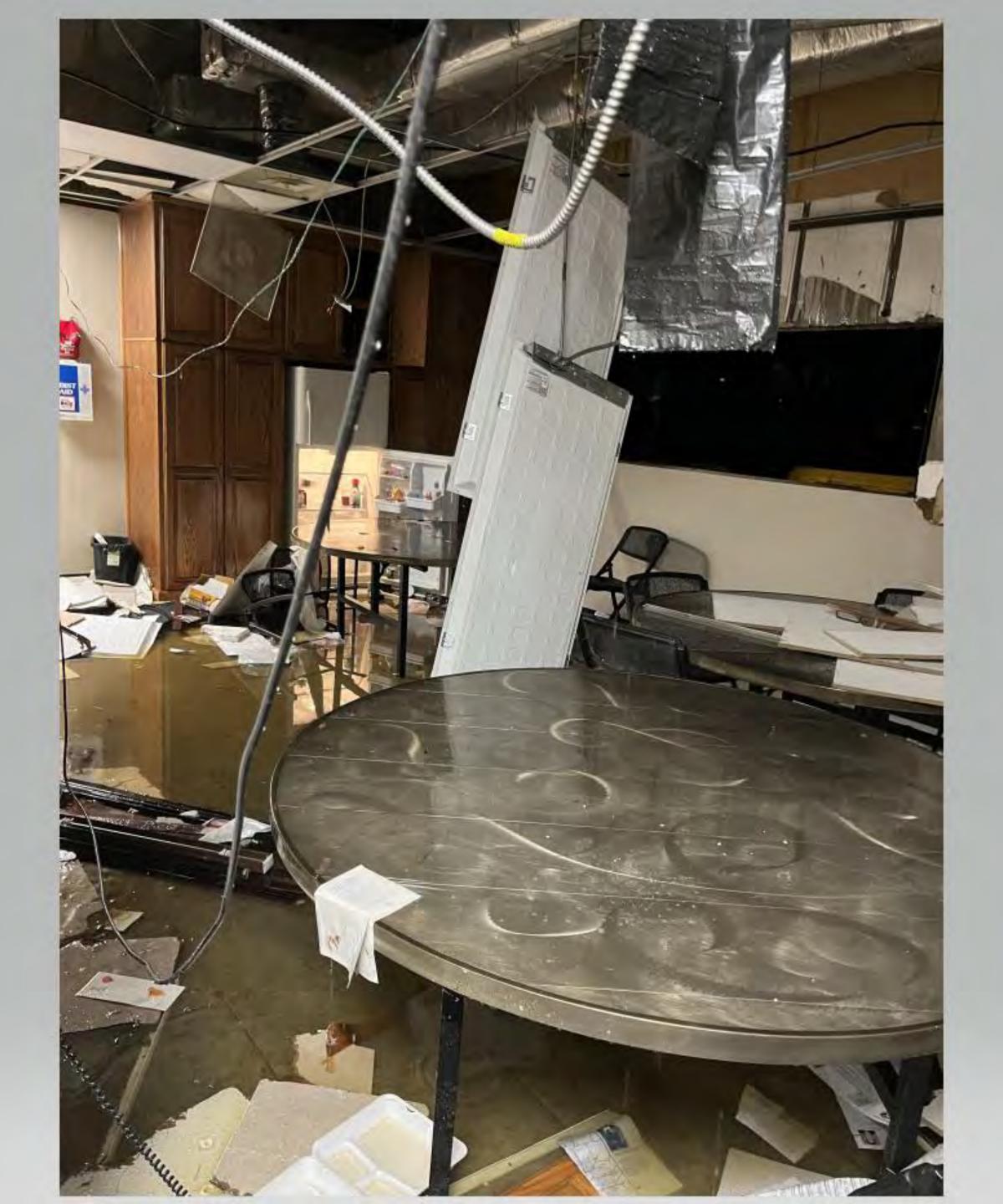






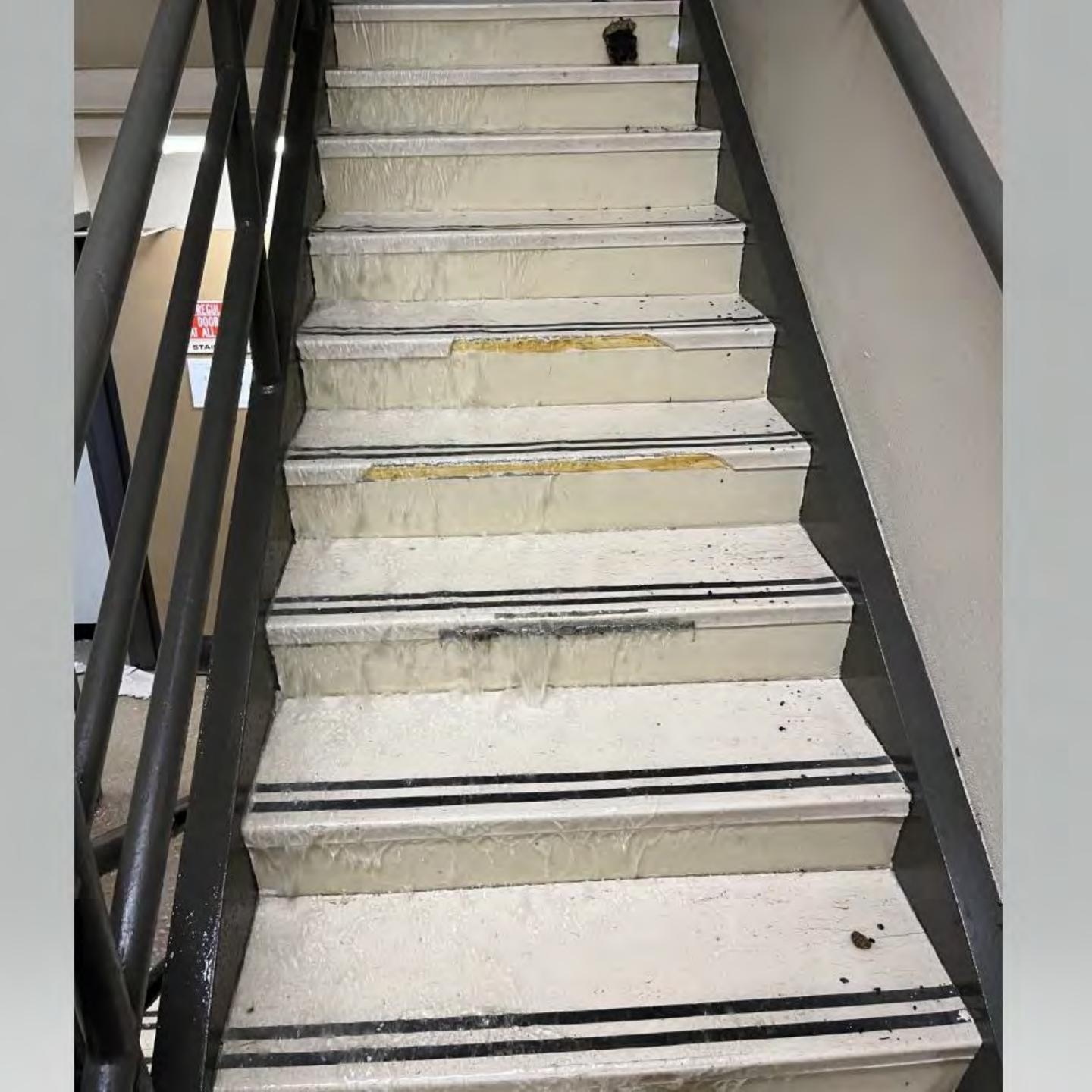




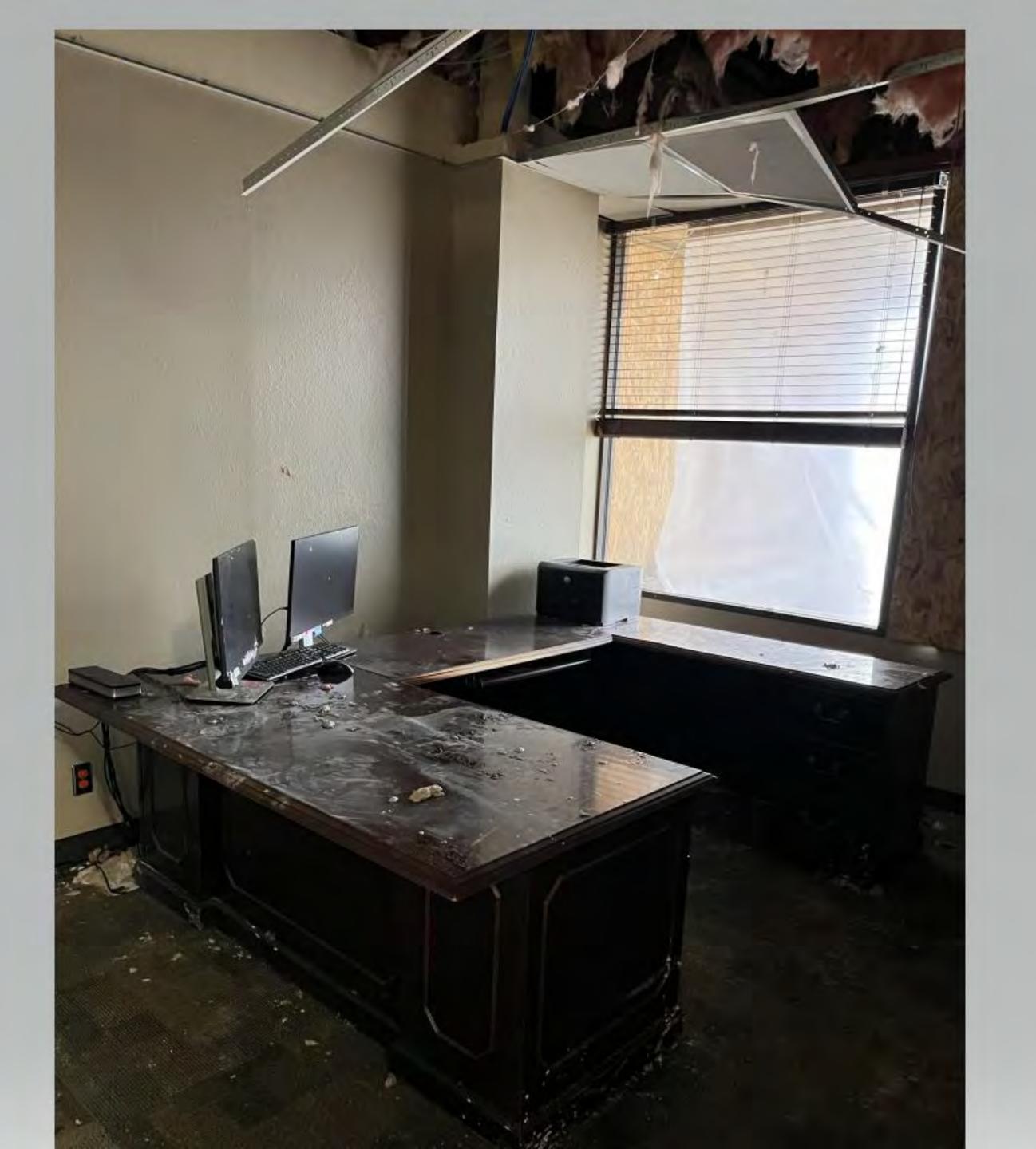




















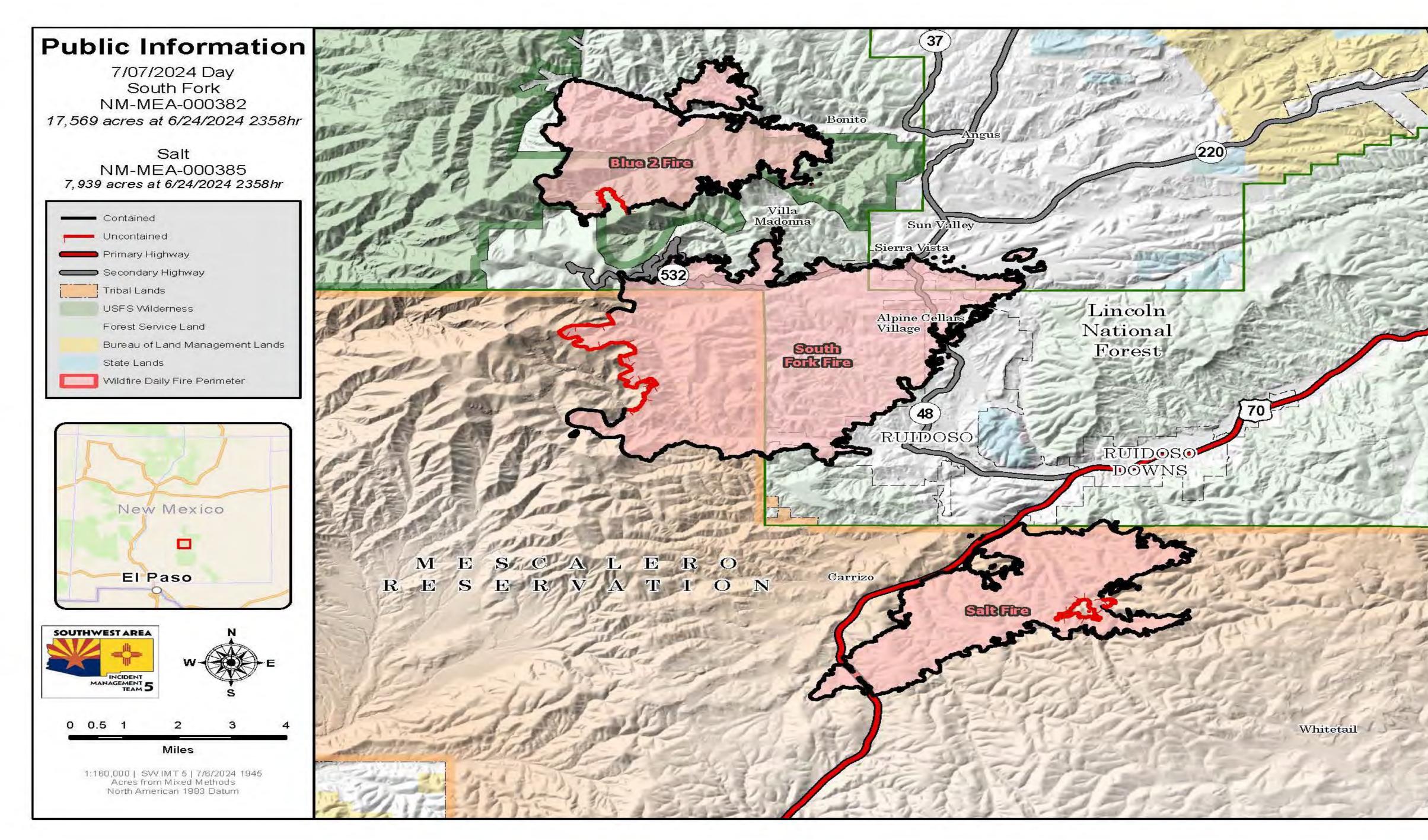
EBOT
June 17, 2024

- Emergency Broadband Operations Team
- Mescalero and Ruidoso New Mexico
- South Fork Fire
- Salt Fire



### **EBOT Creation**

First and foremost, the focus of responding to the fires in Mescalero and Ruidoso was saving lives. Communications services, such as 911 and internet are essential to emergency response and our community was looking to providers to take action immediately. The Inn of the Mountain Gods Resort, owned by the Mescalero Apache Tribe became Fire Base Central for the EBOT team in providing shelter, food and a safe environment for restoration crews, firefighters, first responders and evacuees.





### Day 1 Start of fire

The cause of the Fire was lightning for the South Fork Fire and The Salt Fire was man made







### Day 2 EBOT Startup

#### The Team

Mescalero Apache Telecom Inc.
Tularosa Basin Telephone Company
Windstream Kinetic
TDS Telecommunications
ENMR Plateau Telecom
PVT Penasco Valley Telephone Coop



Fire Aftermath
Now the work begins

Assessment and Planning Restoration Reconstruction