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Colonel Brad A. Morgan  
District Commander  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District  
69 Darlington Avenue  
Wilmington, NC 28403

Dear Colonel Morgan,

I write to urge the Army Corps of Engineers to finalize a comprehensive plan to redirect the Rocky Broad River and its associated infrastructure to permanent locations no later than September 27, 2026, the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Helene's impact on North Carolina.

As you know, Hurricane Helene inflicted catastrophic damage on many communities of the Hickory Nut Gorge, none more so than Chimney Rock Village and Lake Lure. Following conversations with residents, business owners, and local officials, it is clear that the continued uncertainty surrounding the Rocky Broad River's course remains one of the most significant obstacles standing between these communities and a real recovery.

While the Corps has made meaningful progress, the mission is not complete. Businesses and families cannot fully rebuild. The river's current temporary alignment is not a long-term solution, and the uncertainty poses a threat to the region's economic recovery. A finalized plan for the Rocky Broad River is needed.

The Wilmington District should maintain continued coordination with Chimney Rock Village officials and the North Carolina Department of Transportation throughout this process. Any final plan must have the full confidence of the community.

The people of Rutherford County have shown extraordinary resilience. My office stands ready to provide any assistance that would help accelerate this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Moore".

Tim Moore  
Member of Congress