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To Whom it May Concern,

On June 26th 2026 I inspected the culvert at the request of the Village of Ruidoso. The culvert is placed at the entrance of Ruidoso Downs on the West side of the track. The culvert has numerous areas of bulging (deformation) up to 4' on the bottom of the culvert and 18" on the top of the culvert. This deformation may cause decreased loads that this culvert can withstand. I could observe that the roadway was settling on both the northbound and southbound lanes due to the deformation of the pipe. The steel plates placed in the roadway are keeping it from collapsing further. The culvert also had a large amount of debris, that includes cobblestones and silt build up that could lead to potential flooding issues. I recommend closing this entrance before further damage can be caused to the roadway and to ensure the safety of the traveling public.

Thank you,
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