

Butte County
Resolution 2018-02**LOCAL FLOOD DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1011 allows a quorum of the Board of Butte County Commissioners to declare a local disaster emergency and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(2) defines “disaster” as the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause...; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(3) provides that an “emergency” includes the imminent threat of a “disaster” or condition threatening life or property which requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect property or avert or lessen the threat of “disaster”; and

WHEREAS, as a result of higher than normal spring precipitation and a 70% probability that spring run-off will result in the Big Lost River reaching flood stage below the Mackay Reservoir and will result in the Little Lost River reaching flood stage throughout; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service in Pocatello has identified the Big Lost River basin and the Little Lost Birch basin as having flood risk potential in Spring 2018 partially due to forecasted warmer temperatures and the possibility of rapid snowmelt exceeding capacity of each basin with continued forecasts of high river or stream flows into late spring or early summer; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Idaho reports that the mountain hydrologic system is primed and is flowing above to much-above average across most of the state including the Big Lost River basin which currently exceeds 104% normal snowpack and the Little Lost Birch basin which currently exceeds 125% normal snowpack; and

WHEREAS, associated gulches, creeks, streams, and waterways connected to the Big Lost River basin are already flowing just below action stage with the potential for near-term flooding resulting from additional precipitation or rapid snow-melt, and have previously caused low level nuisance flooding, damage to roads, and endangered homes in March 2018; and

WHEREAS, a declaration allows that public interest and necessity may demand the immediate expenditure of public funds without compliance with formal bidding procedures

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Board of Butte County Commissioners does hereby declare:

That a disaster emergency as defined in § 46-1002, Idaho Code, presently exists in Butte County based on the potential for sudden, catastrophic flooding threatening life and real property and the potential need for state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect against an imminent threat to life and property caused; and

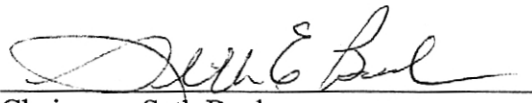
That this Local Flood Disaster Emergency Declaration shall expire on July 1, 2018 unless the Board of Butte County Commissioners expressly authorizes the continuance of such Declaration; and

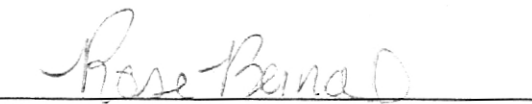
That this Declaration shall promptly be filed with the Butte County Recorder's Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of the Declaration.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUTTE COUNTY, IDAHO


Chairman, Seth Beal


Commissioner Rose Bernal


Commissioner Brian Harrell

ATTEST: SHELLY SHAFFER, CLERK

By: 
County Clerk