

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF KITTITAS
STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION

NO: 2014-119

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
SNAG CANYON FIRE

WHEREAS: On August 2, 2014 at 10:30 p.m. the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office notified the Board of County Commissioners that lightning strikes had ignited a fire about 9 miles North of Ellensburg which threatened the public; and

WHEREAS: By Midnight, Level 3 Evacuations in the North end of Sun East had been established and several structures had burned; and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Emergency Operations Center has been activated and a Type-2 Fire Management Team has been requested; and

WHEREAS: The director of Emergency Management is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners declare a state of emergency to assist in managing the impacts of the Snag Canyon Fire; and

WHEREAS: An Emergency Special Meeting was called on August 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. to hear reports from the Kittitas County Sheriff's Office and the Fire Marshal; and

WHEREAS: This fire is described as extremely active and rapidly evolving in a populated area, above the agricultural ground; and

WHEREAS: Road closures have been established and enforced, Level 1, 2 and 3 evacuation zones have been established and the Incident Management System has been implemented; and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined that local resources were overwhelmed and high state and danger to the lives and property of residents of Kittitas County existed, and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined that additional damage or injury would take place unless further efforts are taken, and

WHEREAS: The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners determined there was an emergency present which necessitates activation of the emergency plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52 and RCW 36.40.180 and Kittitas County Code,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That it is hereby declared there is an emergency due to the fires in Kittitas County and that the Sheriff's Office, Commissioners Office, Public Works Department, Planning Department, Event Center/Fair, Building Department, Fire Marshal, Human Resources, Treasurer, Auditor and the Public Health Department are authorized to enter in contracts and incur obligation necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons and property, and to provide emergency assistance to the victims of disaster, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The following additional actions are authorized/directed by the Sheriff and other personnel and designated:

1. Activation of the Emergency Operation Center;
2. Communication of the emergency state to appropriate State and Federal Agencies;
3. Records of overtime and other resources expended are to be kept and turned over to the County Auditor at the conclusion of the emergency;
4. A Resolution will be prepared for ratification at the Board of County Commissioner's regular Agenda Session on August 5, 2014.

DATED this 3rd day of August, 2014 at Ellensburg, Washington.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Paul Jewell, Chairman

Absent
Gary Berndt, Vice-Chairman


Obie O'Brien, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

