

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

In the Matter of a Local Declaration
of Emergency Due to Heavy Water
Runoff Resulting in Flooding Conditions

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-10

WHEREAS, the Pend Oreille County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management has reported to the Pend Oreille County Board of County Commissioners information provided by the National Weather Service and US Army Corps of Engineers that unusual weather conditions beginning May 2018, consisting of heavy rainfall, melting heavy snow pack and high temperatures have caused the threat of an emergency/disaster by creating the threat of flooding in parts of Pend Oreille County; and

WHEREAS, the expected flooding would cause closure of some roads and may cause damage to road and homes within Pend Oreille County; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions, there is a substantial likelihood of risk to person and property unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster as defined by the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and necessitates the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, and 38.52.070(2) ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

- (1) There is hereby declared that an emergency exists, as defined in the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP); due to the imminent threat of flooding in Pend Oreille County, and Pend Oreille County departments are authorized to do the following:
 - a. Enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency situations to protect the health and safety of persons; and
 - b. Provide appropriate emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; and
 - c. Other actions, as deemed appropriate by the Director of Emergency Management or his designee; and
 - d. Whenever the condition(s) of any county road, or any part thereof is such that for any reason its unrestricted use or continued use by vehicles or by any class

of vehicles will greatly damage that county road, or will be dangerous to traffic, the Pend Oreille County Public Works Department is authorized pursuant to the Pend Oreille Board of County Commissioners authority in RCW Chapters 36.32, 36.75, and 47.48 RCW to close county road(s) to travel by all vehicles or by any class of vehicles, or may declare a lower maximum speed for any class of vehicles, for such a definite period as it shall determine to address these emergency conditions.

- (2) Each Pend Oreille County Department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this declaration in light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements) and report to the Chair or designated Commissioner.

This declaration of local emergency will remain in effect until the issuance of a subsequent rescinding Resolution by the Pend Oreille County Board of County Commissioners.

DATED this 8th day of May 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Stephen Kiss, Chair



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