

**PEND OREILLE COUNTY
NEWPORT, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 38

**IN THE MATTER OF A LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO HEAVY
WATER RUNOFF RESULTING IN FLOODING CONDITIONS IN PEND OREILLE
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, information provided to the County from the National Weather Service and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is that weather conditions beginning June 1, 2020 are such that extreme rainfall and melting heavy snowpack are resulting in flooding conditions in Pend Oreille County; and

WHEREAS, the above referenced events and conditions could lead to numerous road closures within Pend Oreille County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article XI, Section 11 of the Washington State Constitution and RCW 36.32.120 (6) (7), the Board has both the jurisdiction and duty to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Pend Oreille County; and

WHEREAS, county departments and residents have started taking emergency measures to protect county roads, bridges, private roads, homes, businesses and farmlands as a result of this heavy water runoff; and

WHEREAS, persons and property will be damaged unless further efforts are taken to reduce the threat to life and property; and

WHEREAS, there is an emergency present which necessitates activation of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 38.52.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Pend Oreille County Board of Commissioners:

SECTION 1

That it is hereby declared that there is an emergency due to the conditions in Pend Oreille County; therefore, designated departments are authorized to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency;

As a result of this emergency, 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.

SECTION 2

Each designated department is authorized to exercise the powers vested under Section 1 of this resolution in the light of the demands 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.

ADOPTED this 2 day of JUNE, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Mike Manus, Chairman



Stephen Kiss, Vice-Chairman



Karen Skoog, Member

ATTEST:



Christine Rahoun, Clerk of the Board