

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON

In the Matter of Declaring an)	RESOLUTION	<u>R2017-18</u>
Emergency within Curry)	Chetco Bar Fire	
County and Requesting a Governor's)	Declaring an Emergency	
Declaration of a State of Emergency)	Requesting State and Federal Relief	
Chetco Bar Fire August 2017)	Authorizing Local Emergency Action	

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017, the United States Forest Service (USFS) issued an information release regarding the Chetco Bar Fire; and

WHEREAS, that information release explained that the Chetco Bar Fire is located in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness on the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. A recent infrared flight showed slight fire growth to the north and west, with an approximate acreage of 4,871; and

WHEREAS, On August 16, 2017, the USFS updated the situation that "There has been some increased fire activity on the northwestern and northeastern flank, with an estimated fire acreage of 6,016," and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2017, it was reported to the Curry County Board of Commissioners that the fire had jumped the river and has spread uncontained into an area with multiple residents, and that evacuation proceedings would need to commence; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the fire into areas of residences requiring evacuation constitutes an emergency that exceeds the resources of the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORS 401.165(2)(b) the direct and indirect costs associated with the damage caused by the emergent conditions will reach into the hundreds of thousands of dollars, and exceed the County's ability to assist; and

WHEREAS, the Curry County Board of Commissioners has determined that there is a need for state assistance including but not limited to equipment, supplies, and human resources to respond to and recover from the severe storm event and subsequent emergency condition;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVES:

That an Emergency exists in Curry County; the initial assessment of damage to the county will reach into the range of hundreds of thousands of dollars and exhaust the County's resources; that Curry County does not possess the adequate resources to appropriately respond to the emergency that is declared for the purposes of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide the appropriate resources where needed; and

THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:

To request that the Governor declare a state of emergency; and the Governor request additional assistance from the President of the United States, if needed.

THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:

This resolution declaring an emergency shall exist for the duration of the emergency, including time taken to sufficiently address impacts in order to recover from the emergency.

THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:

The County is authorized to suspend its rules, including but not limited to its public contracting rules, to procure work, materials and supplies and housing if necessary under emergency category of procurement under state and local public contracting law to respond and recover from the emergency;

THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:

To suspend County Land Use and Zoning ordinances and regulations to allow for the use of all available parcels in the county for staging, housing, disposal and other support uses to mitigate, respond and recover from this emergency, subject to coordination with other agencies including but not limited to State DEQ;

THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:

All Curry County Departments, shall monitor and document impacts from this event, including but not limited to, use of personnel and equipment; for example Roads Department with respect to monitoring and evaluating use of County roads, storm drains and equipment; Sheriff Department with respect to personnel and equipment for crowd and traffic control, and property and life safety;


THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVES:

The Curry County Department of Emergency Management is authorized to order mandatory evacuation of residences and businesses when necessary for the public safety or when necessary for the efficient conduct of activities that minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2017.

BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

 8/18/17
Thomas Huxley, Chair


Sue Gold, Vice-Chair


Court Boice, Commissioner 8/18/17