

RESOLUTION 26 - 22

**BONNER COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
IN BONNER COUNTY, IDAHO**

Atmospheric River Event, March 11 through 13, 2026

WHEREAS, Idaho Code 46-1011 - LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCIES states as follows:

- (1) A local disaster emergency may be declared only by a mayor or chairman of the county commissioners within their respective political subdivisions. It shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven (7) days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision. Any order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the local county recorder.
- (2) The effect of the declaration of a local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.
- (3) No intergovernmental agency or official thereof may declare a local disaster emergency, unless expressly authorized by the agreement pursuant to which the agency functions. However, an intergovernmental disaster agency shall provide aid and services in accordance with the agreement pursuant to which it functions.

WHEREAS, an atmospheric river event has caused numerous significant weather-related damage issues throughout North and North Central Idaho, including windstorms, flooding, landslides, and power outages; and

WHEREAS, the results of this atmospheric river event have created threats and damage to structures, infrastructures, public utilities, private property and/or public property within Bonner County; and

WHEREAS, government and private entities were taxed in providing emergency management services to those areas affected by this atmospheric river event; and

WHEREAS, Bonner County did not have access to resources to respond to said effects of the atmospheric river event, and continues not to have access to said resources; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Brian Domke finds that a disaster emergency, as those terms are defined in Section 46-1011, Idaho Code, was in existence on March 11 through 13, 2026, in Bonner County, which local county and private resources were taxed to control, and that State assistance is requested, pursuant to Title 46, Chapter 10, Idaho Code, and other state laws pertaining to disaster, emergencies and assistance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and declared by the Bonner County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted in Section 46-1011, Idaho Code, as follows:

1. A disaster emergency existed within Bonner County, resulting from danger to structures, infrastructures, public utilities, private property and/or public property caused by a powerful atmospheric river event.
2. Such disaster emergencies require state assistance to supplement local emergency management efforts to provide for public safety and the protection of property and to avert and lessen the impact of the disaster.
3. The Bonner County Board of Commissioners requests that the governor of the State of Idaho, together with other appropriate state officials, make such declarations, and provide

assistance within Bonner County, as is required and allowed by law.

4. The disaster declaration made herein by Chairman Brian Domke, is hereby continued with the consent of the Bonner County Board of Commissioners as found in Idaho Code Section 46-1011.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Bonner County, Idaho upon a majority vote on the 14th day of April, 2026.

BOARD OF BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Brian Domke, Chairman



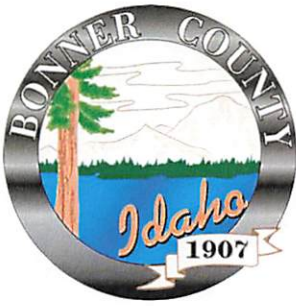
Asia Williams, Commissioner

Ron Korn, Commissioner

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 

Deputy Clerk



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

Asia Williams

Ron Korn

04/14/2026

Memorandum

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
Item #2**

To: Commissioners

From: Bonner County Emergency Management

Re: Disaster Declaration

Bonner County Emergency Management is requesting the Board of County Commissioners to sign a written disaster declaration during the Atmospheric River Event, March 11 through 13, 2026. These extreme weather conditions, identified as an Atmospheric River Event, included damaging high winds and flooding, causing widespread damage, power outages, and an imminent threat to structures, infrastructure, public utilities, private and public property, and/or human life within Bonner County.

The Bonner County Board of Commissioners requests that the governor of the State of Idaho, together with other appropriate state officials, make such declarations and provide assistance within Bonner County as is required and allowed by law.

Auditing Review: **APPROVED**

If applicable, an email is attached verifying that auditing has verified that the funds to cover this item are within the budget; this is required for any expenditure/budget adjustment request.

Risk Review: **APPROVED**

If applicable, an email is attached verifying that all Risk questions/concerns have been resolved and that it has been approved. This includes new equipment/assets to be insured or contracts requiring insurance for review.

Legal Review: **APPROVED**

Email is attached verifying that all legal questions/concerns have been resolved and that it has been approved.

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A suggested motion would be: **Based on the information before us, I move to approve a disaster declaration for all of Bonner County due to the extreme weather Atmospheric River Event, creating potential danger to life, property, and structures during March 11 through 13, 2026, and have the Chairman sign administratively.**

Recommendation Acceptance: yes no  Date: 4/14/26
Brian Domke, Chairman