

**Resolution No. 2017-31**  
**DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION**  
**Kootenai County Flooding**

WHEREAS, repetitive winter storms have caused an above average buildup of snow in the mountains of North Idaho and Western Montana; and

WHEREAS, above average temperatures have caused large amounts of snow to quickly melt and create high levels of spring runoff; and

WHEREAS, water levels along the Coeur d'Alene River and numerous other bodies of water within Kootenai County have risen dramatically and have created widespread flooding, mudslides, running water over roads, flooding in basements and crawl spaces, including flooding where it has not previously occurred; and

WHEREAS, the resources of public and private agencies are being exhausted, with Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management already having requested technical assistance and a pump from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to help fight flooding in the Cataldo area; and

WHEREAS, flood waters are creating a threat to human life and damage to property within these areas; and

WHEREAS, there is also an imminent threat of more flooding over the weekend, with Lake Coeur d'Alene predicted to rise above flood stage within the next several days; and

WHEREAS, the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a disaster emergency on behalf of the County for seven (7) days as stated in Idaho Code Section 46-1011(1); and

WHEREAS, Chairman Marc Eberlein has previously found that an emergency, as defined by Section 46-1002, Idaho Code, is in existence in Kootenai County, which local county and private resources are being taxed to control and State assistance may be required, pursuant to title 46, chapter 10, Idaho Code, and other state laws pertaining to disaster, emergencies and assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners concurs with the Chairman's findings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and declared by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. A disaster emergency exists within Kootenai County, resulting from existing and imminent danger to public safety and damage to property.
2. Such disaster may require state assistance to supplement local efforts to provide for public safety and the protection of property and to avert and lessen the threat and impact of the disaster.

3. The Kootenai 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 Kootenai County as is required and allowed by law.

Adopted, during a disaster emergency by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners on this, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2017.

KOOTENAI COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Marc Eberlein, Chairman

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Chris Fillios, Commissioner

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Bob Bingham, Commissioner

ATTEST:  
JIM BRANNON, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

cc: Sandy Von Behren, Director, Office of Emergency Management  
Pat Braden/Jamila Holmes, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys  
Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security  
Office of the Governor, State of Idaho

Also: Present original to Kootenai County Recorder for recordation