

Resolution No. 2023-68
DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION
Kootenai County Wildfire
August 4, 2023

WHEREAS, a large-scale wildfire is burning out of control near Post Falls in Kootenai County; and

WHEREAS, this fire, presently known as the Parkway Fire, is predicted to continue to spread; and

WHEREAS, this fire is creating an imminent threat to structures, infrastructures, public utilities, private and public property and/or human life within Kootenai County; and

WHEREAS, government and private entities are being taxed in order to provide fire management services to evacuated areas or areas otherwise affected by this fire; and

WHEREAS, Kootenai County does not have access to resources to respond and bring said fire under control; and

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

WHEREAS, I, Leslie Duncan, Chair of the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, find that a disaster emergency, as those terms are defined in Section 46-1002, Idaho Code, is in existence in Kootenai County, which local county and private resources are being taxed to control, and that State assistance may be required, 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 Chair of the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted in Section 46-1011, Idaho Code, as follows:

1. A disaster emergency exists within Kootenai County, resulting from existing and imminent danger to structures, infrastructures, public utilities, private and public property and/or human life.
2. Such disaster emergency may require state assistance to supplement local fire management efforts to provide for public safety and the protection of property and to avert and lessen the threat and impact of the disaster.

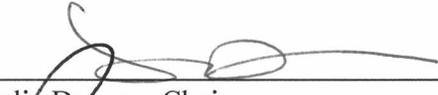
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3. The Chair of the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners requests that the governor of the State of Idaho, together with other appropriate state officials, make such declarations, and provide assistance within Kootenai County, as is required and allowed by law.
4. This temporary disaster declaration may not be renewed or continued in excess of seven (7) days except with the consent of the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners as found in Idaho Code Section 46-1011(1).

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2023.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Leslie Duncan, Chair



Bruce Mattare, Commissioner



Bill Brooks, Commissioner

ATTEST:
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OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR
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1ST DISTRICT-KOOTENAI COUNTY
STATE OF IDAHO
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C: Tiffany Westbrook, Director, Office of Emergency Management
Jamila Holmes, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
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Also: Present original to Kootenai County Recorder for recordation