

**Resolution 2011-60
Disaster Declaration**

WHEREAS, based on representations and assurances made on June 8, 2011 by Micki Linehan, County Executive Director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency and Chair of the Benewah/Kootenai County Emergency Board, there is an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage to property in Kootenai County as the result of excessive moisture conditions; and

Comment [Is1]: These reasons need to be spelled out. It needs to describe the situation.

WHEREAS, weather events over the last several months including wet, cold weather conditions continue across the southern half of Kootenai County; and

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WHEREAS, record breaking rain in March, accompanied by unseasonably cold temperatures in April and May have prevented farmers from getting their spring crops planted as planned; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 5774 acres of prevented planted spring wheat due to this excessive moisture disaster event, and

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WHEREAS, producers that enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program during the last general signup have not been able to follow their approved Conservation Seeding Plan to establish the required Conservation Cover dictated by their Conservation Reserve Program Contracts; and

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WHEREAS, cold, wet conditions and standing water in the fields has impacted the winter wheat that was planted last fall; and

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WHEREAS, the imminent threat of excessive moisture conditions requires State and Federal emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to save lives and protect property or to avert or lessen the threat of a disaster; and

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Comment [Is3]: This also needs explained, why do we need State assistance?

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WHEREAS, the assistance needed includes the Governor's request for a Secretarial Disaster Designation for Kootenai County, and for the United States Department of Agriculture to provide access to the Supplemental Revenue Program to those affected by the disaster; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code §46-1011 authorizes Kootenai County, State of Idaho, to declare a local disaster emergency to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance, to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plan;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT:

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Section 1: The Kootenai Board of County Commissioners, State of Idaho, declares that an agricultural disaster emergency exists within Kootenai County, State of Idaho, due to existing and potential excessive moisture conditions, creating an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage to property.

Section 2: Such disaster may require State of Idaho and Federal emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect, mitigate, avert and lessen the threat and impact of the disaster.

Section 3: This declaration shall take effect and be in force as of the date of its passage, and shall continue through this calendar year as crops are affected by ongoing weather conditions, for a period of one (1) year or until rescinded, amended or modified by the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, whichever occurs first.

Comment [Is4]: Need to explain above why the disaster will last for a period of 1 year.

Section 4: The Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, State of Idaho hereby authorizes sd the Clerk to attest and execute said declaration.

PASSED this 14th day of June, 2011.

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KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

W. Todd Tondee, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Daniel H. Green, Commissioner

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