

**RESOLUTION 2018- 33**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF**  
**RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER DUE TO THE CABIN LAKE FIRE**

WHEREAS, the Rio Blanco County Emergency Manager has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, (“the Board”) of a disaster pursuant to Section 24-33.5-709, Colorado Revised Statutes currently present in the unincorporated area of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from Cabin Lake Fire requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, which occurred on July 29, 2018 to present (inclusive period of incident); and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovery from the impact of Cabin Lake Fire is far in excess of the county’s available resources; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Manager has recommended that the Board declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the Board to implement said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 and the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Rio Blanco County, Colorado the Board is authorized to declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, a result of forest fires, smoke, forest closures and drought, will impact and have long term negative effects on local tourism and the economy including hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation and ranching; and

WHEREAS, declaring a local disaster as a result of the Cabin Lake Fire is in the best interests of the health, safety, morals, convenience, order, prosperity and welfare of the citizens of Rio Blanco County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby declares that there is a local disaster in the unincorporated area of Rio Blanco County, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the Cabin Lake Fire requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this declaration of disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

3. The principal executive officers of all other cities and towns in Rio Blanco County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with Rio Blanco County as necessary to cope with this incident.

4. This resolution shall be effective upon the date and time given below, and shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed seven days thereafter except by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board.

5. Two copies will be filed promptly with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management and the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder, and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board declares that it would have adopted this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or portion herein despite the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions, would be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**DULY MOVED, SECONDEND, AND PASSED ON A VOTE OF 3 FOR AND 0 AGAINST THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY,  
COLORADO**

  
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Shawn Bolton, Chairman

  
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Jeff Rector, Commissioner

  
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Si Woodruff, Commissioner



ATTEST:

  
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County Clerk, Rio Blanco County