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I, Gayle V. Trotter, County Clerk for Malheur County,
Oregon certify that the instrument identified herein was
recorded in the Clerk records.

Gayle V. Trotter - County Clerk

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT

FOR MALHEUR COUNTY

In the Matter of Declaring)
A State of Emergency with-in)
Malheur County)

R25-07

RESOLUTION

This matter came before the County Court at a regular meeting dated the 26th Day of February, 2025. The Malheur County Court finds that the Malheur County has suffered significant damage to infrastructure and economic impact as a result of the February flooding and high water of the Malheur River; and

WHEARAS, heavy rains, warmer temperatures and melting snow have all contributed to excessive flows in the Malheur River, topping the major flood stage for that body of water; and

WHEREAS, US 20 was closed on 2/24/2025 due to water over the roadway and has been closed since that time. Parts of the bank near the highway have eroded as a result of the high water and may need to be repaired. Other road ways and intersections in Malheur County are impassable due to high water such as the intersection of NW 36th Street and Malheur Drive, Butte Drive near Foothill drive and Airport road, outside of Vale; and

WHEREAS, several leaks have developed in the Bully Creek Levee system and City crews were not able to sufficiently mitigate those leaks on 02/25/2025. An emergency level 1 evacuation notice was sent out to Vale residents at about 10:19 p.m. on 02/25/2025. The Army Corps of Engineers are in the process of inspecting our levee to determine its integrity; and

WHEREAS, Malheur County Emergency Management and other staff with the Malheur County Sheriff's Office have been working since midnight on securing other locations for our Public Safety Answering Point (Dispatch Center) and accommodations for 40 to 50 of our inmates in our jail. Shelter personnel are on standby in case Vale has to be evacuated; and

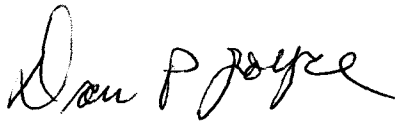
WHEREAS, as of this morning the Nevada ditch out on Hwy 20/26 broke on the south side of the highway by Gordon Lee's farm and is filling up the field on the south side. Once that field is full, it will start spilling over Highway 20/26 and that highway will have to be closed as well; and

CONCLUSION, the Malheur County Court determines that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate suffering of our citizens, open up transportation throughout Malheur County and to protect or mitigate economic loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Malheur County Court that:

1. A local disaster is declared within Malheur County.
2. The Malheur County ~~Emergency~~ Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to ORS 401.015 (2), we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Malheur County. We are declaring a state of emergency for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources.
4. **Request:** The Honorable Tina Kotek, Governor of Oregon, declare a State of Emergency for all of Malheur County under the provisions of ORS 401.055 due to severe and continuing flooding and high water conditions beginning at this time and continuing for an unknown period of time.
5. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT



County Judge Dan Joyce



Commissioner Jim Mediola



Commissioner Ron Jacobs