

Windstorms December 23, 2025

WHEREAS, Idaho Code 46-1011 - LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCIES states as follows:

- A local disaster emergency may be declared only by a mayor or chairman of the county commissioners within their respective political subdivisions. It shall not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven (7) days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision. Any order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local disaster emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the local county recorder.
- 2. The effect of the declaration of a local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.
- 3. No intergovernmental agency or official thereof may declare a local disaster emergency, unless expressly authorized by the agreement pursuant to which the agency functions. However, an intergovernmental disaster agency shall provide aid and services in accordance with the agreement pursuant to which it functions.

WHEREAS, a powerful windstorm has caused large-scale damage throughout Bonner County; and WHEREAS, certain power outages resulting from the windstorm are expected to remain for one week or longer; and

WHEREAS, the results of this windstorm are creating an imminent threat to structures, infrastructures, public utilities, private and public property, and/or human life within Bonner County; and

WHEREAS, government and private entities are being taxed in order to provide emergency management services to those areas affected by this windstorm; and

WHEREAS, Bonner County does not have access to sufficient resources to respond to said effects of the windstorm; 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 Section 46-1011, Subsection 1, Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, Brian Domke, Chairman of the Bonner County Board of Commissioners, finds that a disaster emergency, as those terms are defined in Section 46-1002, Idaho Code, is in existence on December 18, 2025, 10:26 AM in Bonner County, which local county and private resources are being taxed to control, and that State assistance is 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 Chairman of the Bonner County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the authority granted in Section 46-1011, Idaho Code, as follows:

- 1. A disaster emergency exists within Bonner County, resulting from existing and imminent danger to structures, infrastructures, public utilities, private and public property, and/or human life.
- 2. Such a disaster emergency requires state assistance to supplement local emergency management 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 Chairman of the Bonner 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 Bonner 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 Bonner County Board of Commissioners as found in Idaho Code Section 46-1011(1).

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Bonner County, Idaho, upon a majority vote on the 23rd day of December 2025.

BOARD OF BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Brian Domke, Chairman

Asia Williams, Commissioner

Ron Korn, Commissioner

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

Deputy Clerk



Bonner County

Board of Commissioners

Brian Domke

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12/23/2025

Memorandum

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT Item #1

To: Commissioners

From: Bonner County Emergency Management

Re: Disaster Declaration

Bonner County Emergency Management is requesting the Board of County Commissioners to sign a written disaster declaration during this emergency.

Due to extreme weather conditions, a severe windstorm has caused widespread damage, creating power outages and an imminent threat to structures, infrastructure, public utilities, private and public property, and/or human life within Bonner County. A verbal disaster declaration was made by Bonner County Chairman Brian Domke at 10:26 AM on Thursday, December 18, 2025.

A suggested motion would be: Based on the information before us, I move to approve a disaster declaration for all of Bonner County due to the extreme weather and potential danger to life, property, and structures.
Distribution: Original to Copy to
Legal Review: Email is attached verifying that all legal questions/concerns have been resolved and that it has been approved.
Risk Review: If applicable, an email is attached verifying that all Risk questions/concerns have been resolved and that it has been approved. This includes new equipment/assets to be insured or contracts requiring insurance for review.
Auditing Review: If applicable, an email is attached verifying that auditing has verified that the funds to cover this item are within the budget; this is required for any expenditure/budget adjustment request.

Recommendation Acceptance: yes on Brian Domke, Chairman Date: 12/23/23