

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, September 14, 2022
Special Meeting

PRESENT: Ben Crouch, Chairman
John Crozier, Vice Chairman
Charles Howell, Commissioner
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

Meeting convened at 9:03 A.M.

TRACEE McKIM—CERTIFY COUNTY LEVIES

This matter was continued until September 12.

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION REGARDING THE EDEN FIRE,
Continued from September 12

The Board followed up from issuing a verbal emergency declaration on September 7, which was valid for seven days, regarding a fire on the east end of the County near Eden and Hazelton.

The Commissioners signed the declaration as follows.

THE JEROME COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EMERGENCY DECLARATION

JEROME COUNTY

WHEREAS, unusually hot and dry weather in the region has created extreme fire conditions throughout much of Jerome County, Idaho; and

WHEREAS, over 15,000 acres of land within the jurisdiction of Jerome County have burned and over 250 head of cattle have been affected, and haystacks, crops, structures, fences, and other items have been ruined or destroyed; and

WHEREAS, weather forecasts indicate there will be no change in the extreme fire conditions for the weeks ahead; and

WHEREAS, the extreme fire conditions have significantly diminished available fire suppression resources; and

WHEREAS, the extreme fire conditions have created an emergency that poses a potential threat of widespread and severe damage, injury, and loss of life and property throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, to save lives, protect property, and lessen the serious threats posed by the extreme fire conditions, additional resources are necessary to supplement the fire suppression efforts and to aid Jerome County's recovery efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, A. Ben Crouch, John Crozier, Charles M. Howell, County Commissioners of Jerome County, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the State of Idaho, do hereby find and therefore proclaim and declare:

1. That a state of disaster emergency exists in the County of Jerome.

(a) The nature of the disaster emergency is the occurrence and imminent threat to public safety and property arising from the extreme wildfire conditions.

(b) The area threatened by the disaster emergency includes all lands located within the County of Jerome.

2. The state of disaster emergency herein described shall exist for a period of thirty days unless terminated or modified, or unless extended for thirty-day increments.

3. Consistent with Idaho Code, this proclamation authorizes the resources to be used to assist in efforts to deal with the declared state of disaster emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereby signed this declaration on this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two.

/s/ A. Ben Crouch

/s/ John Crozier

/s/ Charles M. Howell

A. Ben Crouch, Chair

John Crozier, Commissioner

Charles M. Howell, Commissioner

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectively submitted:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

A. Ben Crouch, Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner

Charles M. Howell, Commissioner