

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2017**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
TO EXIST IN DANIELS AND HILL COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2017, rapid snowmelt caused water levels to rise in several river drainages in Daniels and Hill Counties;

WHEREAS, these increases in river flows caused major flooding, and damaged County roads and threatened the life and safety of residents;

WHEREAS, both counties have declared emergencies, and activated portions of their Emergency Operations Plan;

WHEREAS, county personnel spent many hours making emergency repairs to provide access for response vehicles;

WHEREAS, the emergency repairs provided access for ranchers to enter fields for spring work and to inspect livestock;

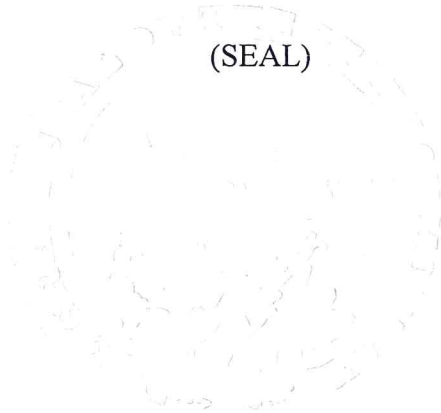
WHEREAS, this event is beyond both counties' financial capabilities; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of an emergency or disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an emergency to exist in Daniels and Hill Counties, State of Montana.

This Order is effective retroactively to March 16, 2017.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 30th day of
May, 2017.



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:



COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State