

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07-2015**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST
IN POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MONTANA**

WHEREAS, between May 25th and May 29th, a storm system centered around North Eastern Wyoming and South Eastern Montana created heavy amounts of rainfall in the Powder River headwaters drainage area causing the river to rise to or near flood stage downstream; and,

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2015, areas in Powder River County reported receiving five to nine inches of rainfall in a two hour period; and,

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2015 another three inches of rain fell and damaged the emergency repairs already in place; and,

WHEREAS, preliminary damage assessments have been conducted by local officials with assistance from the DES Division resulting in a damage estimate of \$223,773.85; and,

WHEREAS, the roads and bridges that are damaged are essential for the health, safety and welfare of residents of the County; and,

WHEREAS, based on the preliminary damage assessments, the disaster is of such magnitude that it is beyond the county's capabilities to recover from this situation; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners for Powder River County did declare a disaster and levied the two (2) mil emergency levy to help restore services and make the permanent repairs for that event on June 8, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners for Powder River County have sent the Governor a letter requesting supplemental disaster relief from the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare under § 10-3-303, MCA, that a disaster, as defined in § 10-3-103(3), MCA, exists in Powder River County, Montana, and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the state from the general fund, pursuant to § 10-3-311, MCA.

This order is effective June 05, 2015

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the
State of Montana this 8th day of July 2015.





STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:



LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State