

**STATE OF MONTANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 17-2015**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER  
TO EXIST IN THE CITY OF GLENDIVE**

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**WHEREAS**, a severe thunderstorm impacted the City of Glendive, with microburst winds estimated to be in excess of 125 mph, during the evening of Thursday, July 27th, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, the microburst caused damage to property in the City of Glendive and created large amounts of debris from fallen or damaged trees;

**WHEREAS**, this storm uprooted trees that subsequently caused damage to city water mains;

**WHEREAS**, city personnel worked long hours, starting July 27th and continuing through the following week, clearing debris and repairing city utilities for the residents of Glendive. Contractors were hired to provide assistance with removing dangerous trees and hauling sewage from a city lift station that received damage;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Glendive utilized, committed and exhausted all available resources to reduce the hazards and restore necessary services to their residents, formally declared a disaster to exist and have formally requested financial assistance from the State; and,

**WHEREAS**, these conditions authorize the Governor under Section 10-3-312 (1), MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies arising from the disaster.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK**, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a state of disaster exists in the City of Glendive, as defined in Sections 10-3-103 (3) and 10-3-303, MCA.

This order is effective July 27, 2015.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of  
the State of Montana, this 13th day of October,  
2015



STEVE BULLOCK, Governor



ATTESTED:

*Linda McCulloch*  
LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State

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**DATE:** October 5, 2015

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Delila Bruno, Administrator  
**FROM:** Tim Thennis, Recovery Bureau Chief  
**SUBJECT:** City of Glendive Disaster Declaration Request

As you are aware, Governor Bullock has received a letter from the Mayor of Glendive, requesting that he declare their city a disaster area in order to provide supplemental relief for the damage caused by a severe wind storm on July 27, 2015 in accordance with Section 10-3-311, MCA.

Montana Disaster & Emergency Services' State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC) monitored and assisted the city in response to the emergency that started on July 27, 2015, from the severe storm. The SECC and the District 4 Representative worked with city personnel and the Local DES Coordinator in monitoring their needs during this emergency.

City personnel worked long hours starting July 27<sup>th</sup>, and the following week to clear debris and repair utilities for the residents of Glendive. Contractors were hired to provide assistance with removing some dangerous trees and hauling sewage from a lift station that was damaged.

I have talked with city personnel and explained the eligibility guidelines under the Public Assistance Program. The preliminary damage estimate of the eligible emergency work is \$35,906.35. The city has \$11,338.00 available from their 2-mill emergency Levy. They are requesting State assistance in the amount of \$24,568.35

I have reviewed the City's documentation for the emergency work, and the estimated utility repair.

**I concur** with the City that the damage is beyond their financial capabilities and that state financial assistance is needed.

Therefore, my recommendations are as follows:

- The Governor declares an emergency for the City of Glendive. Attached is the proposed Executive Order.
- DES staff will prepare detailed Damage Survey Reports (DSR's) documenting the eligible costs of the emergency worked performed during this event.
- DES staff will prepare a "Budget Change Document" for the State's portion of these eligible costs and other extra ordinary costs (OT, Travel, Per Diem, etc.) that DES Staff has or will incur in the preparation of DSR's, and Project Management.



