

RESOLUTION #2001-26

DECLARATION of LOCAL EMERGENCY
(Idaho Code section 46-1011)

WHEREAS, the 4th of July, 2001 is occurring on a Wednesday, with a weekend on either end of the holiday, and more than 10,000 people from Southwest Idaho will recreate in or transit through Boise County as part of the "normal" 4th of July celebration; and

WHEREAS, the "normal" 4th of July traffic saturates Boise County law enforcement, traffic control, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, Boise County is primary transit route for the group called the RAINBOW FAMILY, or RAINBOW PEOPLE enroute to Bear Valley, Lowman Ranger District, Boise National Forest; and

WHEREAS, the US Forest Service estimates an influx of approximately 20-25,000 RAINBOW PEOPLE to transit Boise County during this same 4th of July period; and

WHEREAS, the increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic on SR55, SR21, and the County Banks Lowman Road (Old Highway 17), will cause an immense impact on the ability of County and local resources to respond to emergency situations anywhere in Boise County; and

WHEREAS, this vast increase in population puts all Boise County residents, Southwest Idaho recreationists, and the RAINBOW PEOPLE at risk to life, property, and health risk; and

WHEREAS, Boise County is actively participating in and supporting the Unified Incident Command system for the RAINBOW GATHERING 2001 with the US Forest Service, Valley County, Custer County, and various State agencies; and

WHEREAS, the resources of Boise County are insufficient to provide adequate protection to life, property and environment within the affected and threatened areas of Boise County as required by the Unified Incident Command Team and by Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Boise County has the authority to declare a local disaster emergency pursuant to and consistent with Title 46, Chapter 10, Idaho code; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Boise County find that it is necessary to declare that a local emergency now exists by reason of the population and traffic increases, for the purposes of implementing local and/or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing and receipt of aid and assistance thereunder and as may be available from state and other governmental agencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED and is DECLARED by the Board of Commissioners of BOISE COUNTY, Idaho as follows:

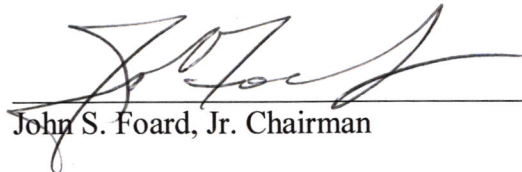
1. A local disaster emergency now exists in Boise County by reason of increase in demand for emergency services, and threat to life and property, far beyond the capabilities of Boise County and local resources to respond.
2. Boise County hereby requests the Governor of the State of Idaho, and all appropriate state agencies, to:
 - A. Provide all available aid and assistance to Boise County to respond and recover from said local disaster emergency; consisting of but not limited to the following requirements and or services:
 1. Full time, 24hour/7day, medical response capability in Lowman, Idaho, from June 28, 2001 to July 10, 2001 for medical emergencies caused by the RAINBOW PEOPLE; funding support for the Boise County volunteer ambulance calls associated with the RAINBOW PEOPLE.
 2. Emergency air medivac support in Lowman, Idaho, from June 28—July 10, 2001 for medical emergencies caused by the RAINBOW PEOPLE.
 3. Idaho State Police full time presence on Highway 21, Highway 55, and the Banks/Lowman Road for the duration of the event.
 4. Additional fuel for Boise County vehicles of approximately 5,000 gallons of gasoline and 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel.
 5. Additional resources for solid waste collection in Lowman, Idaho.
 6. The USFS is supplementing the Boise County Sheriff office for overtime hours for patrol and other duties required to manage this event, it is projected that there will be a need for additional funding to completely cover the requirements for the Boise County Sheriff Office.
 7. Additional burdens on Boise County services will include: Administration costs, supplies, Disaster Services, Boise County Clerks Office, Magistrate and District Court system, Adult and Juvenile Probation offices, Prisoner costs, Road and Bridge Dept., Search and Rescue services of the Boise County Sheriff Office.
 8. Wrecker service, 24 hour/7 day, standby in Lowman, ID, from June 28 to July 10, 2001 to help eliminate traffic congestion.
 9. Flaggers for Banks/Lowman Road and Highway 21 and Highway 55, intersections, the weekends of June 29 to July 6, 2001. Additional flaggers during daylight hours to respond to traffice accidents/incidents.
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This declaration of local emergency, as declared on Friday June 22, 2001, shall remain in effect until revoked by the Board of Commissioners.

Dated this 25th day of June 2001.

BOISE COUNTY BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



John S. Foard, Jr. Chairman


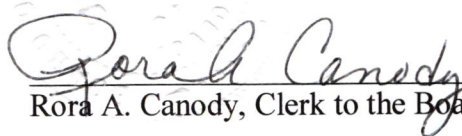


Roger Jackson, Commissioner



Dale Hanson, Commissioner

Attest:

Rora A. Canody, Clerk to the Board