



# BOISE COUNTY

## RESOLUTION #2025-33

### **A BOISE COUNTY RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE HEIGHTENED WILDFIRE RISK IN BOISE COUNTY, IDAHO RESULTING FROM INSUFFICIENT FUELS MITIGATION BY THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Boise County is located in a region of central Idaho that is heavily forested, much of which falls under the jurisdiction and management of the United States ("U.S.") Forest Service; and

**WHEREAS**, the health and safety of Boise County residents, as well as the preservation of property, infrastructure, natural resources, and economic activities-including timber and other local business, agriculture, and recreation-are significantly threatened by the growing risk of catastrophic wildfire; and

**WHEREAS**, recent assessments, environmental conditions, and observed fuel loads indicate that the accumulation of dead, dry, and overgrown vegetation has reached hazardous levels in many forested areas under federal jurisdiction, particularly in the wildland-urban interface (WUI); and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Forest Service has not adequately conducted fuel reductions, commercial timber harvesting, mechanical thinning, public land grazing, or other necessary mitigation efforts at a scale or pace that meets the current and growing wildfire threat; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Forest Service has not adequately maintained forest service roads sufficiently and has restricted access through the closure of forest service roads which exacerbates the response time and resources to conduct necessary mitigation efforts and wildland firefighting efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, extreme fire behavior, drought conditions, and delayed federal action have created an imminent threat to public safety, property, and local emergency response capacity in Boise County; and

**WHEREAS**, Idaho Code § 46-1011 and § 46-1012 authorize local governments to declare a local disaster emergency when conditions exist that may be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Boise County Board of Commissioners, that a Local Emergency is hereby declared effective immediately, due to the high wildfire risk presented by the lack of adequate fuels mitigation on federally managed lands within and adjacent to Boise County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall serve to:

1. Formally notify the U.S. Forest Service and other federal partners of the County's urgent concern and demand for immediate mitigation actions;
2. Request the assistance of the State of Idaho and federal agencies in addressing this emergency, including expedited fuels treatment, fire suppression planning, and interagency coordination; and
3. Enable the pursuit of resources and technical support to address the wildfire threat and improve local preparedness.

**APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 24th, day of June, 2025, in Open Session of the Boise County Board of County Commissioners.

**BOISE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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**CLAY S. TUCKER**, Chairman

  
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**LINDY E. LINDSTROM**, Commissioner

  
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**BOB CALLAHAN**, Commissioner



**ATTEST:**

  
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**Mary T. Prisco**, Clerk to the Board