

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF
SISKIYOU PROCLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY (MCKINNEY FIRE DEBRIS
FLOWS)**

**SISKIYOU COUNTY
PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2022, A plume of monsoonal moisture produced heavy rain over Northern Siskiyou County that caused localized flash-flooding in the McKinney Fire active burn scar, and;

WHEREAS, the storm significantly impacted the steep-sloped, newly burned hillsides of the Highway 96 Corridor, causing massive mud and debris flows that inundated the tributary streams and deposited into the Klamath river, and;

WHEREAS, debris flows consisting of mud, silt, toxic ash, and burnt trees from the monsoonal downpour led to destructive damage to vital roadways that significantly hindered firefighting capabilities during the critical response phase of the McKinney Fire, and;

WHEREAS, these debris flows resulted in substantial damage and unparalleled ecological destruction to the Klamath watershed, ultimately impacting the Klamath River and tributaries, which resulted in a significant endangered species fish die-off, and;

WHEREAS, while in a fire suppression response to the McKinney fire that started on July 29, 2022, that prompted immediate evacuations to the surrounding towns; the low relative humidity, dry fuels, and heavy winds grew the McKinney fire into a 56,459 acres fire within five days, and;

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Services of Siskiyou County does hereby find the conditions of the debris flows to be highly impactful and ongoing into the monsoonal season and winter months of Siskiyou County, thereby impacting its residents and the County as a whole, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that a Local State of Emergency now exists throughout the said County, and;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that during the existence of the local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of Siskiyou County shall be those prescribed by state law, by County Code, and by resolution of this County, and that this emergency proclamation shall expire in seven (7) days after its issuance, unless confirmed and ratified by the governing body of the County of Siskiyou, so;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors hereby Proclaims and Orders that during the existence of this local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Services and the emergency organizations of

this county shall be those prescribed by state law, ordinances and resolutions of this county approved by the Board of Supervisors, and by the Siskiyou Operational Emergency Area Operations Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all County procurement policies, regarding any purchase and/or services and/or supplies that are needed or required during the incident, are waived with the approval of the Director of Emergency Services, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this proclamation shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) with a request that the Secretary of Cal OES confirm a Secretaries concurrence, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this declaration shall be forwarded to the Governor of California with a request that he proclaim the County of Siskiyou to be in a state of emergency and make available any Federal or State assistance including California Disaster Assistance Act funds to be released to assist in recovery from this disaster.

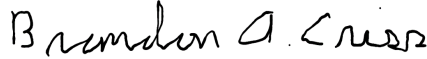
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on September 6, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair
Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Laura Bynum,
County Clerk

By _____
Deputy