

State of Montana
Office of the Governor
Executive Order No. 16 -2010

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST
IN CUSTER COUNTY, MONTANA

WHEREAS, between May 23 and May 25, 2010, Custer County received near record amounts of rainfall, including reports of as much as 3.8 inches of rain; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, county officials started to receive reports of substantial widespread damage of county owned roadways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, preliminary damage assessments have been conducted by local officials with assistance from the Disaster and Emergency Services Division of the Department of Military Affairs, resulting in a damage estimate of \$86,654.34; and

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

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2010, the Custer County Commission declared a disaster to exist for this event; and

WHEREAS, the County had previously declared an emergency to exist on August 26, 2009 and levied the two (2) mill emergency levy to help restore services and make the permanent repairs for that event and, therefore, has exhausted all available emergency levies; and

WHEREAS, the Custer County Commission has sent the Governor a letter advising that the emergency is beyond the financial capability of the County to respond; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of an emergency authorizes the Governor under § 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

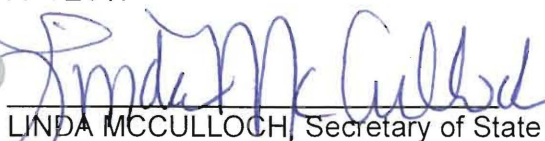
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare under § 10-3-302, MCA, that an emergency, as defined in § 10-3-103, MCA, exists in Custer 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 upon signing.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this
11th day of June, 2010.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:


LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State