

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-2010

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN HILL COUNTY AND
ON THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION**

WHEREAS, after several years of drought across the State of Montana, the spring of 2010 has produced record or near-record amounts of precipitation in a large portion of the state including north central Montana; and

WHEREAS, during the month of June 2010, an ongoing series of rain and snow storms occurred across the affected area dropping substantial amounts of precipitation in short periods of time, causing substantial widespread flooding across large areas of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and portions of Hill County; and

WHEREAS, both the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the Hill County Commissioners have declared disasters related to the widespread flooding that has occurred; and

WHEREAS, extensive damage to infrastructure owned by the Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation and Hill County led to the State of Montana's request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for a Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) to compile estimates of damage for both entities; and

WHEREAS, FEMA and the State of Montana worked together to compile a PDA for both the Tribe and Hill County identifying damage locations, ownership and estimated cost to restore these sites to previous conditions; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned entities have responded to the best of their abilities and have expended considerable amounts of resources and manpower and have taken all possible actions to respond to, repair and alleviate the situations; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana will be requesting federal disaster assistance on behalf of the affected Tribe and Hill County and these federal funds require state match funds or specific expenditures prior to eligibility for assistance under federal laws, and a Governor's declaration of disaster is necessary before the request can be submitted; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of a disaster under § 10-3-303, MCA, 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, 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, under § 10-3-303, MCA, that a disaster exists within the Rocky Boy's Reservation and in the County of Hill within the State of Montana and authorize, under § 10-3-311, MCA, the expenditure of funds to Hill County in order to obtain federal disaster assistance.

This order is effective on June 15, 2010.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 29th day of June, 2010.



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

Attest:



LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State