

Disaster Declaration

WHEREAS, the Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District ("District") is a quasi-municipal corporation and political subdivision of the state of Colorado and;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1), a local disaster may be declared by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision (in the District, the Fire Chief) for up to seven days, and then must have consent by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2); and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) constitutes a public health emergency of International concern and has been determined to be present in El Paso County and can be anticipated to spread significantly, requiring emergency preparation and execution of procedures to minimize its impact and protect the health safety and welfare of District constituents; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has determined that pursuant to the above a Local Disaster Emergency should be declared and funds made available to prepare for and deal with its consequences.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Fire Chief has declared that the presence of the Coronavirus within El Paso County constitutes a local disaster emergency that warrants preparation for and execution of procedures to deal with the emergency, including purchase of additional PPE and protective policies and procedures to restrict exposure of District emergency first responders and staff to the spread of COVID-19. The Fire Chief has allocated sufficient funding from District reserves toward preparation and execution of a response plan. This emergency declaration will be updated as necessary and submitted to the Board of Directors for any extension beyond seven days.

APPROVED this 17th day of March, 2020.



PJ Langmaid, Fire Chief
Black Forest Fire Rescue Protection District

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