

RESOLUTION NO. 2016.03

Delegation of Authority  
2016 May Flood

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Fremont County, Town of Hudson, City of Lander, Northern Arapahoe and Eastern Shoshone Tribes, desire to provide a clear and concise statement of authority to the incident commander of the 2016 flooding events, starting May 8, 2016 to ensure efficient and quick response to any such events.

**NOW THEREFORE**, having duly met at a regular meeting and considered the matter, it is

**HEREBY RESOLVED**, that Nick Hudson, Administrator, Lander City, is designated as the Incident Commander for the 2016 May Flood events and any cascading emergencies related to flooding, per the conditions below as outlined in this resolution.

**IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution will terminate at the end of the 2016 May Flood.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall go into effect upon the occurrence of any one of the following conditions, until the incident has been stabilized and hazards to the public have been sufficiently mitigated:

Imminent threat to public safety by floodwaters or landslides, as determined by the Fremont County Sheriff, Fremont County Emergency Manager, Representatives for City of Lander, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Eastern Shoshone, Fremont County Fire Warden, A Fire District Chief or Designee (Dubois, Jeffrey City, Riverton, Fremont County, Lander City), and/or Army Corps of Engineers.

1. Overtopping of roadways by floodwaters; or of private roadways by floodwaters should it pose a threat to life and/or vital public infrastructure.
2. Imminent threat to critical public infrastructure by floodwaters or landslides, including, but not limited to, arterial roadways, public bridges, County/Town facilities, and public utilities, as determined by Engineer for City of Lander.
3. A National Weather Service issued Flash Flood Watch, Flood Warning, or Flash Flood Warning for areas within Fremont County.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that objectives for dealing with flood-related events should be created with the following priorities:

1. Protection of life and provide for public safety.
2. Incident stabilization, if possible.
3. Protection of critical infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the Public roads, bridges, and utilities.
4. Protection of non-critical infrastructure, such as buildings not related to emergency

services.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in addition to these objectives, the signators to this agreement have the following expectations:

1. The Incident Commander will not commit incident responders where there is a low probability of success, or when risk of injury or death cannot be mitigated. It is not acceptable to put responders into harm's way for "show".
2. The Incident Commander will utilize National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) protocols and procedures for managing the incident.
3. The Incident Commander shall effectively manage costs of the incident by planning strategies and tactics towards a high probability of success in meeting incident objectives. Fiscal responsibility shall be an important part of decision making, but the Incident Commander **will not** compromise responder safety in the name of cost effectiveness.
4. Incident commander shall provide timely situation & status report.
5. Incident Commander will provide accurate and timely financial reports.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that in order to achieve objectives created with these priorities, the undersigned hereby states the following authorities held by the Incident Commander for the 2016 May Flood:

Fremont County Procurement Policy

1. Authority to purchase supplies, equipment, and pay overtime salaries not to exceed \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand dollars) in dealing with incident operations, planning, and logistics. A separate line item number will be provided by the Fremont County Clerk to the Finance Section Chief, along with procedures for procurement and record keeping in line with Wyoming state statutes and County policy. The Incident Commander will return to the Board of Fremont County Commissioners if additional funding is necessary.
2. All expenditures shall have the approval of the Fremont County Commissioner's Administrator's approval.
3. The Incident Commander for the event shall assign a Finance Section Chief position, within the Incident Command structure.
4. Authority to authorize law enforcement, Fire/EMS, or other County agency overtime, with documentation, in dealing with incidents under this statement
5. Authority to pay Emergency Service Volunteers at established rates for their services and qualifications. Example – Fire Service at Wyoming Mobilization Plan at qualified rate, Regional Response Team, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Search and Rescue at established rates
6. Authority to pay Wyoming Workers Compensation premiums for any eligible volunteer working within the Incident Management Team for incidents under this statement.
7. All volunteer personnel will be paid according to Fremont County Policies and procedures and all documentation shall be submitted to the Fremont County Clerk.
8. Authority to mobilize County resources and utilize County facilities, not limited to emergency services, in responding to incidents under this statement.

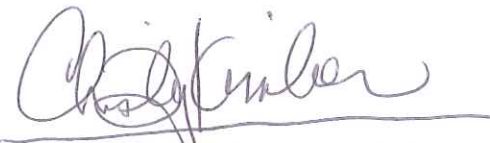
9. All Fremont County Employees reassigned to work under the command structure will remain in their current employment status.
10. Authority to recommend that residents evacuate areas where there is deemed to be an immediate threat to life due to incidents under this statement
11. Authority to enter into a Unified Command structure, using ICS and NIMS principles, with cooperating agencies should an incident cross jurisdictional boundaries or would provide for a more efficient and fiscally responsible Incident Management Team.

Adopted on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016.

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Attest:

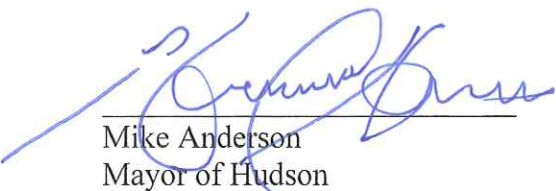
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Julie Freese, Fremont County Clerk

  
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Town Clerk/Treasurer

Acknowledged and Agreed:

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Douglas Thompson  
Fremont County Commissioners

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Skip Hornecker  
Fremont County Sheriff's Dept.

  
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Mike Anderson  
Mayor of Hudson

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Del McOmie  
Mayor of Lander

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Representative  
Northern Arapaho Tribe

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Representative  
Eastern Shoshone Tribe

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**WHEREAS**, the Town of Hudson has suffered from a flood that has occurred on May 7, 2016 and continues,

**WHEREAS**, extensive damage has been caused to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the residents of the Town of Hudson within the disaster area,

**WHEREAS**, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this disaster have been insufficient to meet the needs of the situation,

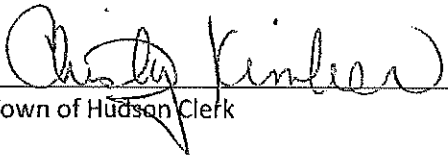
**WHEREAS**, the current conditions around the Town may continue to produce significant flooding with the possibility of continued rain, late season snow melt, along with progressive runoff could potentially present flood conditions to include mudslides and landslides in the Town,

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Hudson has declared a state of emergency on behalf of Town of Hudson, and will execute for and on behalf of the Town of Hudson, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the requesting of assistance from the State.

  
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Mayor, Town of Hudson

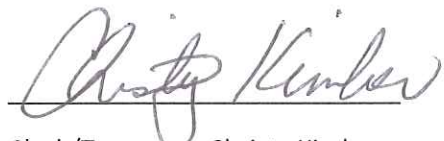
WITNESS my hand and the seal of my office

This 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016

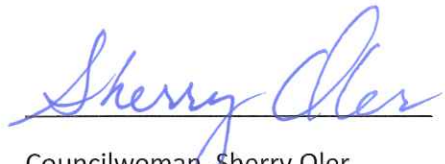
  
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Town of Hudson Clerk

TOWN OF HUDSON  
2016 May Flood Resolution & State of Emergency Declaration  
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5/8/2016

Attest:



Clerk/Treasurer, Christy Kimber

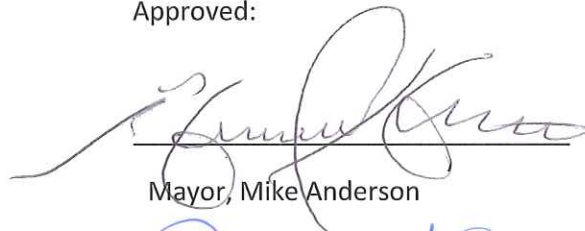


Councilwoman, Sherry Oler

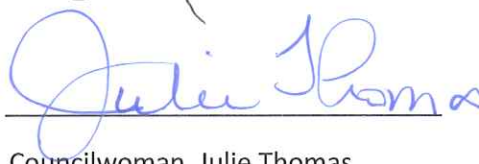


Councilwoman, Mary Fenton

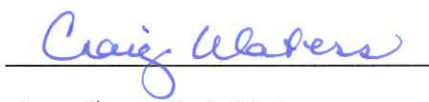
Approved:



Mayor, Mike Anderson



Councilwoman, Julie Thomas



Councilman, Craig Waters