

RESOLUTION 29 - 2021

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND DISASTER
DUE TO THE WEST WIND WILDFIRE**

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2021, a wildfire ignited in Judith Basin County north of Stanford and quickly burned into Fergus County; and

WHEREAS, sustained high winds grew the fire and frustrated firefighting efforts; and

WHEREAS, Fergus County has experienced a record-setting drought in 2021; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2021, the town of Denton was evacuated; and

WHEREAS, by December 3, 2021, the fire had grown to 11,644 acres and twenty-five (25) primary residences, six (6) businesses, eighteen (18) outbuildings, one (1) bridge, and one (1) trestle in and around Denton had been destroyed by the fire; and

WHEREAS, by December 3, 2021, the fire was 0 percent contained and high winds continued to blow; and

WHEREAS, state and federal resources are needed to respond to the wildfire and its aftermath;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that an emergency is hereby declared in Fergus County pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 10-3-402.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a disaster is hereby declared in Fergus County pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 10-3-403.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Fergus County does not intend to implement the 2-mill emergency levy provided for in Montana Code Annotated § 10-3-405 due to the local economic conditions caused by the drought.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be filed with the County Clerk and Recorder, County Assessor, and the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services Division in Helena.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of December 2021.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


SANDY YOUNGBAUER


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JANEL TUCEK
Clerk & Recorder

