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I, Gayle V. Trotter, County Clerk for Malheur County,
Oregon certify that the instrument identified herein was
recorded in the Clerk records.

Gayle V. Trotter - County Clerk

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

BEFORE THE COUNTY COURT

FOR MALHEUR COUNTY

In the Matter of Declaring)
A State of Emergency with-in)
Malheur County)

R21-20

RESOLUTION

This matter came before the County Court at a regular meeting dated the 19th Day of May, 2021. The Malheur County Court finds that the Malheur County agricultural and livestock industries, and related economy are suffering widespread and severe economic damage, potential injuries and loss of property resulting from **Severe drought conditions**; and

WHEREAS, limited snow pack from a dry 2020-2021 snow season, record low rainfall throughout the spring and a windy couple of months have all created a severe drought situation early in the season; and

WHEREAS, based on a report by the U.S. Drought Monitor dated May 04, 2021, much of Malheur County is currently in Severe Drought (D2) conditions, with predictions only showing worsening conditions; and

WHEREAS, in Severe Drought conditions, you can expect pastures are brown; hay yields are down and prices are up; producers are selling cattle. Fire risk increases. Marshes are drying up, little water is available for livestock and wildlife. River flows are low and stock ponds are running dry. Ranchers will soon have to truck water into their livestock. Livestock have to walk greater distances to get water and this contributes to exaggerated numbers of "dust pneumonia" cases in calves; and

WHEREAS, the National Fuels & Fire Danger Briefing, filed by the National Interagency Fire Center dated 05/06/2021 stated much of Malheur County is in the 79th percentile to the 97th percentile in fire behavior potential; and

WHEREAS, 9 other Oregon Counties have filed drought declarations through Oregon Emergency Management; and

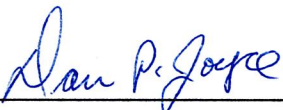
WHEREAS, the Owyhee basin snow pack is only 28% of normal. Owyhee irrigation user's allotments are reduced by 25% to ensure we get through the whole irrigation season. Vale Irrigation allotments are reduced to 1.8 acre feet. 2.8 acre feet was last year's allotment and 3.0 is the standard allotment on a good water year.

CONCLUSION, the Malheur County Court determines that extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate suffering of people and livestock and to protect or mitigate economic loss, and to be responsive to the threat of wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Malheur County Court that:

1. A local disaster is declared within Malheur County.
2. The Malheur County Drought Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.
3. Pursuant to ORS 401.015 (2), we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Malheur County. We are declaring a state of emergency for the purpose of assessment, evaluation and acquiring the ability to provide appropriate available resources.
4. **Request:** The Honorable Kate Brown, Governor of Oregon, declare a Drought Emergency for all of Malheur County under the provisions of ORS 401.055 due to severe and continuing drought conditions beginning at this time and continuing for an unknown period of time; **and** direct the Oregon Department of Water Resources to make available in Malheur County: Temporary Transfers of Water Rights, Emergency Water Use Permits, Use of Existing Right Option/Agreement; **and** other federal and state drought assistance and programs as needed.
5. This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

MALHEUR COUNTY COURT



County Judge Dan Joyce



Commissioner Don Hodge



Commissioner Ron Jacobs