



I, Cheryl Seely, County Clerk for Crook County, Oregon, certify that the instrument identified herein was recorded in the Clerk records.

Cheryl Seely - County Clerk



**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF CROOK**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DROUGHT  
AND REQUEST TO DECLARE A STATE  
OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY FOR  
CROOK COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION  
AND ORDER 2023-06**

**WHEREAS**, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, the Crook County Court finds that the Crook County agricultural and livestock industries, recreation, and related economies are suffering widespread and severe economic damage, potential injuries, and loss of property resulting from extreme weather conditions within the County; and

**WHEREAS**, annual water supplies available for irrigators and ranchers within Crook County are a function of winter snowpack for water storage in Ochoco and Prineville Reservoirs and natural flows in the Crooked River and its tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, as reported by the January 9, 2023 Oregon Water Conditions Report the Oregon Water Resources Department, Crook County is the only county in the State with areas still in the D4 – Exception Drought category since last summer; and

**WHEREAS**, current conditions in the Crooked River watershed are equal to or less than 30% of the average and reservoir storage is only 10% full; and

**WHEREAS**, the above conditions result in loss of economic stability, pasture shortages, decrease in feed production, shortened growing season, reduction in recreational opportunities, and decreased water supplies for Crook County agricultural and livestock producers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Crook 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 Crook County Court that:

1. A severe, continuing drought is declared within Crook County.
2. Crook County drought Emergency Management Plan has been implemented.

3. Pursuant to ORS 536.720, we find that appropriate response is beyond the capability of Crook 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 Tina Kotek, Governor of Oregon, declare a Drought Emergency for all of Crook County under the provisions of ORS 536.740 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 Crook County: Temporary Transfers of Water Rights, and Emergency Water Use Permits, and 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.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order be filed in the Crook County Clerk's Office and that it be effective when so filed.

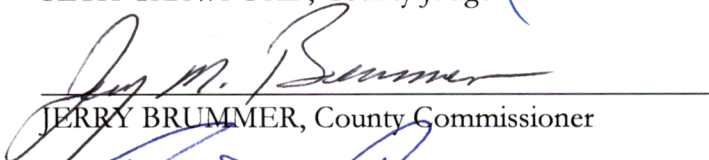
Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

CROOK COUNTY COURT



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SETH CRAWFORD, County Judge



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JERRY BRUMMER, County Commissioner



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BRIAN BARNEY, County Commissioner