

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WALLOWA
IN AND OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING
A DROUGHT EMERGENCY WITHIN
WALLOWA COUNTY

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} **RESOLUTION 2026-012**
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WHEREAS this matter came before the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting on March 18, 2026, involving an emergency drought situation in Wallowa County caused by extremely dry winter and lack of precipitation; and

WHEREAS, the emergency appears to be of such magnitude that the economic impact to many livestock producers, farmers, agricultural related businesses, and the County economy may be putting them in need of economic assistance, and

WHEREAS, there has been a continuous lack of precipitation with no significant change in conditions forecasted for the rest of the agricultural season, and

WHEREAS, all zones within Wallowa County are being affected, the attached maps of the County indicate the boundary of the proposed disaster declaration, and

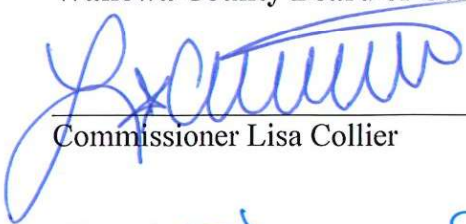
WHEREAS, lower than normal winter precipitation puts Wallowa County at an elevated risk for wildfire due to dry lands, grasses, timber and fuels,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, under the powers granted by ORS 401.309, hereby declares that a state of emergency exists, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners requests that the governor of the State of Oregon forward this request to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture for consideration of a Drought Disaster Declaration for Wallowa County.

Dated this 18th day of March 2026

Wallowa County Board of Commissioners



Commissioner Lisa Collier



Commissioner Mike Hayward



Commissioner John Hillock



Attest: Tera Elliott, Exec. Asst.