

SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH
EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER, ORDER TO EVACUATE AND RESOLUTION NO 2021-07

AN EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER, ORDER TO EVACUATE AND RESOLUTION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE PACK CREEK FIRE

WHEREAS, San Juan County has been experiencing record drought conditions in the Manti-La Sal National Forest within San Juan County, a situation of drought that is proclaimed to be the worst it has been in 90 years due to the combination of heat and extremely dry fuels; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County and the State of Utah continue to experience record breaking temperatures without any rain or direct rainfall anticipated in the near-term weather forecasts; and

WHEREAS, On March 17, 2021, the State of Utah issued an Executive Order declaring a State of Emergency due to drought conditions throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, On June 10, 2021, the State of Utah issued a Fire Restriction Order due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the record dry vegetation conditions and extreme fire danger throughout Utah; and declaration of Emergency, due to the record heat and drought conditions that continue to get worse; and

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2021 due to a camper's negligence, an unattended campfire started the Pack Creek fire; and

WHEREAS, As of June 14, the Pack Creek Fire has consumed more than 8,243 acres, consumed 4 structures, 6 out-buildings and 4 structures heavily damaged and the fire continues to rage on with only 6% being contained; and

WHEREAS, due to the current and future financial and environmental impact of this fire, Federal and State monies are requested to help with this Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of San Juan County Commissioners publicly declare a state of emergency and hereby request:

1. The State and Federal government recognize this Emergency. San Juan County also requests the State and Federal Government to aid, assist, and provide relief available from their resources.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 30 days unless the Board of San Juan County Commission extends the State of Emergency.

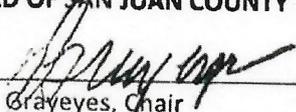
PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 15th day of June, 2021, by the following vote:

Those voting aye:

Those voting nay:

Those absent or abstaining:

BOARD OF SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Willie Grayeyes, Chair

ATTEST:



John David Nielson, Clerk/Auditor

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PROCLAMATION OF ORDER TO EVACUATE

A recent fire has affected the Pack Creek and Geyser Pass areas of the Manti-La Sal National Forest in San Juan County, State of Utah.

The State of Utah, and San Juan County have declared a State of Emergency due to recent drought conditions, which contribute greatly to the possibility of this fire to continue to increase in size and will continue to become catastrophic. In collaborating with State and Federal Officials in accessing the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and visitors of San Juan County, the elected Sheriff makes the following Proclamation:

The San Juan County Sheriff, Jason Torgerson, under the authority of Utah Code Annotated 17-22-2 hereby orders the evacuation of all private property in and around the area east of Geyser Pass on La Sal Mountains, from Blue Lake down through Dark Canyon Area. We have been notified that the Pack Creek Fire has breached the Geyser Pass Road and therefore, for the safety of all citizens, we ask that you evacuate at this time while it is safe to do so. Failure to evacuate at this time is at your own risk and your safety cannot be guaranteed.

It is hereby proclaimed that this is necessary and expedient for the health, safety and welfare and good order to protect the public peace, preserve lives and property, and economic stability.

NOW THEREFORE, the residents and visitors of the aforementioned area of San Juan County, Utah are ORDERED to evacuate the area.

Dated this 15th day of June 2021.



Sheriff Jason Torgerson
San Juan County Sheriff