

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY
DUE TO WASHED OUT BRIDGE ON SR 504 NEAR COLDWATER**

WHEREAS, the Skamania County Director of Emergency Management has reported to the Board of County Commissioners that on May 14th, 2023 the Sheriff's Office received report of a washed out bridge on SR 504 near Coldwater, WA; and

WHEREAS, seven vehicles are stranded at the Johnston Ridge Observatory; and

WHEREAS, the seven vehicles represent potentially significant environmental impact in wilderness area, especially if they remain over the winter; and

WHEREAS, those seven vehicles are at a remote, unattended site are susceptible to criminal activities; and

WHEREAS, under the above referenced conditions there is potential for further land movement and flooding; and

WHEREAS, the conditions stated above constitute an emergency/disaster for citizens and visitors, necessitating activation of the Skamania County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) and the utilization of emergency powers granted pursuant to RCW 36.40.180, 38.52.070(2), and 38.52.110(1);

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Skamania County, Washington, do resolve as follows:

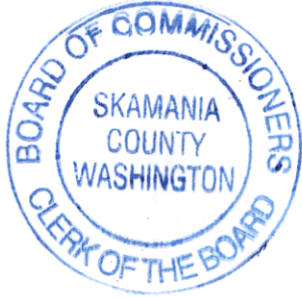
Section 1. There is hereby declared an emergency, as defined in the Skamania County CEMP, due to washout of the Bridge #504/107 on State Route 504 over south Coldwater Creek/Spirit Lake Outlet Tunnel.

Section 2. Pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, County departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the CEMP, are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of citizens and visitors, and provide emergency assistance to them, consistent with the CEMP.

Section 3. It is hereby declared that efforts will be made to respond to, and mitigate the effect of this gap of critical services.

Section 4. The declaration of a local emergency set forth at Section 1 shall terminate by the issuance of a subsequent rescinding Resolution which shall follow when the Board determines that the extraordinary measures detained herein are no longer required for the protection of the public peace, safety, and welfare.

APPROVED this 23rd day of May 2023.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAMANIA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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T.W. Lannen, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Richard Mahar in blue ink.

Richard Mahar, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Asa Leckie in blue ink.

Asa Leckie, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Lisa Sackos in blue ink.

Lisa Sackos, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

Handwritten signature of Adam Kick in blue ink.

Adam Kick, Prosecuting Attorney