

Drought Declaration 10-20-2020-2

Declaration Declaring the Existence of a Drought Emergency in San Juan County, Utah Pursuant to U.C.A. 17-8-7

Whereas, the drought conditions thus far in 2020, creating a threat to human health and safety, the environment, the agricultural industry, potential wildfire rise, impacts to culinary, secondary and agriculture water supplies; as well as the general economy of San Juan County; and

Whereas, the ongoing drought will likely cause many livestock producers in San Juan County to reduce the size of their herds and force many of them to import feed from other states which will create a major financial impact on livestock producers; and

Whereas, the continued lack of adequate precipitation, coupled with insect infestations and plant stress, will likely result in less than normal agricultural production upon San Juan County farms and ranches through 2020, as well as a reductions of forage growth on the public and private rangelands within San Juan County; and

Whereas, the use of public and private rangelands within San Juan County will likely be severely restricted or even temporarily suspended as a result of the continued lack of precipitation; and

Whereas, the long range weather forecast does not predict significant increases in precipitation in San Juan County and the State of Utah in general during 2020; and San Juan County is in the category of extreme drought.

Whereas, with the current conditions fire restrictions have been put into place and that the availability for firefighting resources are expected to be limited; and

Whereas, fire restrictions and drought conditions will likely impact the visitor and tourism industry as many will make plans to go to other areas; and

Whereas, drought conditions will impact the ability of the San Juan County Road Department to properly and adequately maintain the county's roads;

Now therefore, be it hereby resolved as follows:

Section 1. Declaration of Drought Emergency. Pursuant to 17-8-7, Utah Code Annotated, 1953, as amended, we, the San Juan County Commission, do hereby declare that a drought emergency exists within the jurisdictional boundaries of San Juan County, Utah.

Section 2. The provisions of this declaration and the provisions adopted or incorporated by reference are severable and the provisions of other resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 3. In the opinion of the San Juan County Commission, it is necessary for the preservations of the peace, health and safety of the County and the inhabitants thereof that this resolution take effect immediately after approval and adoption.

Approved and Adopted by the San Juan County Commission, State of Utah on the _____ day of _____,
2020.

San Juan County, a political subdivision of the State of Utah

Kenneth Maryboy, San Juan County Commission Chair

Attest:

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John David Nielson
San Juan County Clerk/Auditor