



SAN JUAN COUNTY
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2026, the Babylon Fire ignited within the Bears Ears National Monument in San Juan County, Utah, and remains an active and ongoing wildfire; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2026, the Horsehead Fire ignited within San Juan County, Utah, and likewise remains an active and ongoing wildfire; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County is experiencing extreme drought conditions under an existing drought declaration, combined with Red Flag Warnings, critically low relative humidity, and extreme wind events that have created dangerous fire weather conditions and significantly increased the risk of rapid wildfire growth and new fire starts; and

WHEREAS, these active wildfires and extreme fire weather conditions have threatened public and private property, transportation corridors, utilities, critical infrastructure, natural resources, and the health and safety of residents and visitors throughout San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, emergency response operations are ongoing throughout the affected areas, requiring activation of the San Juan County Emergency Operations Plan, coordination with local, state, federal, and volunteer partners, and placing severe strain on county personnel and emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to and recovering from the impact of these wildfires are far beyond the county's available resources; and

WHEREAS, these conditions constitute a local emergency pursuant to applicable provisions of Utah law and warrant the declaration of a State of Emergency for San Juan County;

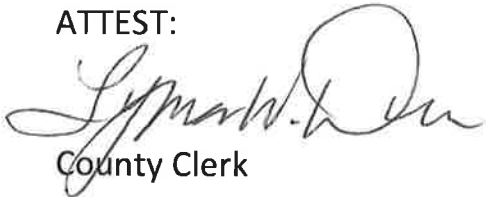
NOW, THEREFORE, the Chair of the San Juan County Commission hereby declares a State of Emergency on behalf of San Juan County and authorizes the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the activation of mutual aid agreements, and the request for assistance from the State of Utah.

DATED this 1 day of June, 2026.



Chair, San Juan County Commission

ATTEST:



County Clerk