

SAN JUAN COUNTY UTAH
RESCIND EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER, ORDER TO EVACUATATE AND RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

RESCIND 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.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of San Juan County Commissioners this 6th day of July, 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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**RESCINDING PROCLAMATION OF ORDER TO
EVACUATE**

The recent fire that has affected the Pack Creek and Geyser Pass areas of the Manti-La Sal National Forest in San Juan County, State of Utah. Has been 90% contained at this time.

The San Juan County Sheriff, Jason Torgerson, under the authority of Utah Code Annotated 17-22-2 hereby rescinds the orders of 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. However Geyser pass road from Trans La Sal Trailhead on the west side of the closure and to the upper geyser pass trail head (Whole Enchilada) on the east side of the closure will be closed. All of the Oowah Lake road will remain gated, locked and closed. Oowah campground will be closed.

Dated this 6th day of July 2021.

Sheriff Jason Torgerson
San Juan County Sheriff