WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for Butte County and the Board of County Commissioners for Custer County have separately requested that the Governor and the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources declare a drought emergency for each county to allow administrative actions to lessen the severe impacts of drought conditions in each county; and

WHEREAS, Custer County is included within the Big Lost, Little Lost and Salmon River drainages, and Butte County is included within the Big Lost and Little Lost River drainages; and

WHEREAS, the south-central portion of the state, including Butte and Custer Counties, is experiencing drought conditions due to below normal precipitation and snowpack levels. Specifically, total water year precipitation levels in the Big Lost, Little Lost and Salmon River drainages as of April 15, 2020 were respectively only 68, 82 and 85 percent of average; and

WHEREAS, Forecasts for the April through September 2020 stream flow volumes for the Big Lost River near Mackay, the Little Lost River near Howe, and the Salmon River at Salmon are respectively estimated to be only 57, 82 and 76 percent of average; and

WHEREAS, the United States Drought Monitor Index on April 14, 2020, showed Butte and Custer Counties included within that potion of south-central Idaho classified as abnormally dry to sever drought; and

WHEREAS, section 42-222A, Idaho Code, provides that upon declaration of a drought emergency for an area designated by the Director of the Department of Water Resources ("Director") and approved by the Governor, the Director is authorized to allow temporary changes in the point of diversion, the place of use, and the purpose of use for valid existing water rights and temporary exchanges of water rights when the Director determines that such changes can be accomplished in accordance with the provisions of section 42-222A, Idaho Code; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to the authority of the Director provided in section 42-222A, Idaho Code, a drought emergency for purposes of section 42-222A, Idaho Code, is hereby declared for Butte County and Custer County, Idaho.

IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that pursuant to this declared drought emergency and the provisions of section 42-222A, Idaho Code, the following procedures and requirements
shall apply to the filing, processing, and approval of any application for a temporary change to an existing water right within Butte and Custer Counties during the pendency of this declared drought emergency:

1. An application for a temporary change to an existing water right shall be made upon forms provided by the department and shall be accompanied by an application fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) per application.

2. The Director is not required to publish notice of the proposed change pursuant to the provisions of section 42-211, 42-222(1) or 42-240, Idaho Code, and is not required to make findings as provided in said sections. A temporary change may be approved upon completion of the application form, payment of the filing fee, and a determination by the Director that the proposed change can be properly administered and there is no information that the change will injure any other water right. If the right to be changed is administered by a watermaster within a water district, the Director shall obtain and consider the recommendations of the watermaster before approving the temporary change application.

3. All temporary changes approved pursuant to the provisions of this order shall expire on the date shown in the approval which shall not be later than December 31, 2020, and thereafter, the water right shall revert to the point of diversion and place of use existing prior to the temporary change. Nothing herein shall be construed as approval to authorize construction of a new well as a new point of diversion or to alter a stream channel.

4. The recipient of an approved temporary change issued pursuant to this order shall assume all risk of curtailment or mitigation should the diversion and use of water under the temporary change cause injury to other water rights or result in an enlargement in use of the original right.

5. Temporary changes shall only be approved for the purpose of providing a replacement water supply to lands or other uses that normally have a full water supply, except for the drought condition. Temporary changes may not be approved to provide water for new development or to allow expansion of the use of water under existing water rights. If the right to use the water is represented by shares of stock in a corporation, or if the diversion works or delivery system for such right is owned or managed by an irrigation district, no change in point of diversion, place or nature of use of such water shall be made or allowed without the written consent of such corporation or irrigation district.

6. Any applicant for a temporary change who is aggrieved by a denial of the Director for a temporary change pursuant to this order and the provisions of section 42-222A, Idaho Code, may request a hearing pursuant to section 42-1701A(3), Idaho Code, and may seek judicial review of the final order of the Director pursuant to the provisions of section 42-1701A(4), Idaho Code.
IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED that this order is effective upon approval of the Governor and expires on December 31, 2020, unless extended or terminated by order of the Director.

DATED this 21st day of April, 2020.

Gary Spackman
Director

APPROVED this 29th day of April, 2020.

Brad Little
Governor
WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1011 allows a quorum of the Board of Butte County Commissioners to declare a local disaster emergency and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(2) defines “disaster” as the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause…; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 46-1002(3) provides that an “emergency” includes the imminent threat of a “disaster” or condition threatening life or property which requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect property or avert or lessen the threat of “disaster”; and

WHEREAS, Idaho Code § 42-222A grants the Director of the Department of Water Resources and the Governor of the State of Idaho authority to declare a drought emergency and authorize temporary changes in the point of diversion, the place of use, and the purpose of use for valid existing water rights and temporary exchanges of water rights; and,

WHEREAS, drainages in and around Butte County are experiencing moderate to severe drought conditions as a result of lower than normal spring precipitation and a basin snow-pack between 70% and 95% of normal in the Big Lost and Little Lost River drainage basins creating a potential shortage of irrigation water throughout the 2020 farming season; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) forecasts that stream flow volumes in the Big Lost River Basin between April and July 2020 are predicted to run at 51% to 58% of average resulting in the potential for an agricultural economic disaster.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Board of Butte County Commissioners does hereby declare:

That a drought emergency as defined in § 42-222A, Idaho Code, presently exists in Butte County; and

That this Local Drought Emergency Declaration shall expire on December 31, 2020 unless the Board of Butte County Commissioners expressly authorizes the continuance of such Declaration; and

That this Declaration shall promptly be filed with the Butte County Recorder’s Office; and

That prompt and general publicity shall be given by a press release notifying the public of the Declaration.
APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of March, 2020

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUTTE COUNTY, IDAHO

Chairman, Brian Harrell

Commissioner Rose Beverly

Commissioner Wes Collins

ATTEST: SHELLY BLACKNER, CLERK

By: Shelly Blackner
County Clerk
March 9, 2020

Honorable Brad Little  
Governor of the State of Idaho  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, Idaho 83720

Dear Governor Little:

The Custer County Board of Commissioners has been apprised that a condition of drought exists for the year 2020 growing season.

If the present conditions continue, it could have an adverse affect on the economic condition of the county. As of February 4, 2020, the Mackay Reservoir is approximately 87.33% capacity and the snow pack levels on our major drainage’s are below normal. Ground water tables continue to suffer the drought impacts from previous years.

The Board unanimously has declared Custer County a Drought Disaster area and request that you concur and submit our request to the appropriate federal agency.

Sincerely,

Randy Corgatelli  
Acting Chairman

Cc: Tim Luke, Department of Water Resources
The current moisture conditions in Custer County are cause for serious concern as we begin another irrigation season with gravely inadequate water resources; the Custer County board of Commissioners hereby declares Custer County to be a disaster area.

The Big Lost River area is affected by the drought. Mackay Reservoir is at 87.33% of capacity. The snow pack is below normal. The Lost River Irrigation District will not be able to deliver water to the southern end of the district.

The rest of Custer County is also being affected. Snow pack levels on our major drainage’s are Morgan Creek at 81%, Banner Summit at 65%, and the Pahsimeroi drainage is below normal levels. Domestic wells continue to go dry in areas that had previously not been affected. Beyond the immediate needs of our farmers and ranchers we must consider the overall economic impact on our county.

The Board respectfully requests that the Honorable Governor Brad Little declare Custer County a drought area. And request that you submit our request to the appropriate state and federal agencies.

Passed by the Board of Commissioners of Custer County, Idaho, on March 9, 2020. Those voting “aye”: 3. Those voting “nay”:_.

Signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Custer County, Idaho, on March 9, 2020.

[Signature]
Randy Congatelli
Acting Chairman,
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

[Signature]
Lura H. Baker, Clerk
March 5, 2020

Dear Custer County Commissioners,

Water District 34 would like to request that the county declare a drought disaster declaration as soon as possible. As of March 5, the water year to date precipitation is only at 55% and has been declining as we head into spring. The Idaho Department of Water Resources gave a water outlook presentation at the WD34 annual meeting on March 2 and stated we are on track for a record setting low snow pack. With a minimum snow pack we won’t have the runoff that supplies our water demand for the first few months of irrigation season. This will in turn force us to use our impounded water in the reservoir and deplete it sooner than normal. By declaring a drought declaration, it will open up other resources through the state for us to help deal with our potential water shortage.

Thank you

Lucas Yockey
Water Master
Water District 34
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Big Lost River Irrigation District
RESERVOIR UPDATE
As of February 4, 2020
Reservoir Contents .......................37,770 C.F.S.
Inflow ........................................206 C.F.S.
Release .....................................171 C.F.S.
Howell Gauge ................................ICE

Decree: OFF
Reservoir is currently at 87.33% capacity

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