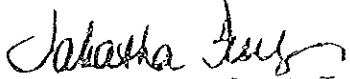


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COUNTY OF BOSQUE, TEXAS
COUNTY JUDGE DECLARATION
OF
LOCAL STATE DISASTER
DUE TO DROUGHT

JUN 27 2022


County Clerk, Bosque County, Texas

Cindy Vanlandingham, Bosque County Judge, on this the 27th day of June 2022, has determined that Bosque County, has been affected by extreme to exceptional drought conditions, recent wildland fires and continues to be threatened by high or extreme wildland fire hazard. This threat is caused by abundant fuel and extreme dry and windy conditions across the State of Texas and in Bosque County, extraordinary measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect or rehabilitate property within the county.

WHEREAS, the National Drought Mitigation Center, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic Atmosphere Association have formed the United States Drought Monitor (“USDM”); and:

WHEREAS the National Drought Mitigation Center monitors drought conditions across the United States and has classified 100% of Bosque County as being in extreme drought, and with approximately 30% of Bosque County additionally classified as being in exceptional drought; and

WHEREAS the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (“KBDI”), maintained by Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Texas A&M Forest Service, is an index used to determine fire potential and the current KBDI indicates a KBDI value of 638 as of June 26, 2022; indicating severe drought and increased risk of wildfire occurrence: and

WHEREAS Bosque County is currently under a burn ban order for the entire County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (418.108 Texas Government Code); a state of disaster is being declared due to the extreme drought conditions that exist in Bosque County presenting a substantial, significant, and imminent threat to persons and property in Bosque County; and

WHEREAS, said state of disaster requires that certain emergency protective measures be taken pursuant to Texas Disaster Act of 1975 relating to Emergency Management and Public Health, pursuant to Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority granted to me by the Texas Disaster Act (Government Code Chapter 18, paragraph 418.018) and by the Bosque County Emergency Management Plan and as Presiding Officer for Bosque County, I do hereby declare a state of emergency and disaster due to extreme drought conditions.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT:

1. That the sale or use of fireworks in Bosque County is hereby prohibited.
 - a. This order does not ban commercial/professional firework displays.
2. That this Disaster Declaration, pursuant to the provisions of Section 418.108(i)(1), Texas Government Code, shall be transmitted to the Office of the Governor with a request that this Disaster Declaration remain in full force and effect beyond 60 hours from the date of its

issuance and that it be extended until such time as the Bosque County Burn Ban Order is lifted.

3. That pursuant to Section 418.173, Texas Government Code, a person who knowingly or intentionally violates any directive legally authorized and issued by this Declaration commits an offense, punishable by fine up not to exceed \$1,000.00, or confinement in jail for a term that does not exceed 180 days.
4. That this Declaration and Order shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS THE 27th DAY OF JUNE 2022

Cindy Vanlandingham
Hon. Cindy Vanlandingham, County Judge

Attest:

Tabatha Ferguson
Tabatha Ferguson, County Clerk

