

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. R –25-41

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY OF GRANT FOR THE
TROUT FIRE**

WHEREAS, the Grant County Commission met in an Emergency Meeting on June 16, 2025 at 8:30 am in the Grant County Administration Building, 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City, NM; and

WHEREAS, on the 12th day of June, 2025, a wildfire ignited on the Gila National Forest and is actively burning near the community of Lake Roberts, New Mexico, threatening lives, property, agricultural and cultural resources and critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, approximately 12,330 acres of land have burned as of the date of approval of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the wildfire has resulted in evacuations, hazardous air quality and placed a significant strain on local emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS, the severity and rapid spread of the fire requires the support of additional resources to ensure public safety and effective incident management; and

WHEREAS, damages are resulting in hardship to those evacuating and are threatening the safety, wellbeing, and welfare of the Grant County citizens in the vicinity of the fire; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Mexico All-Hazard Emergency Management Act (NMSA 1978 12-10-1 et seq.), Grant County is authorized to declare a state of emergency to activate emergency response plans and access additional assistance including post fire impacts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER DECLARED that this declaration authorizes the use of all available county resources and activates emergency procurement procedures as necessary to protect public health and safety.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FUTHUR DECLARED that Grant County formally requests support and assistance from the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, as well as any other appropriate agencies, to assist in response and post-fire recovery operations.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO


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Attest:


Connie Holguin, Clerk