

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES OF 2026

DISASTER DECLARATION REGARDING “24 FIRE” WILDLAND FIRE

RESOLUTION DECLARING LOCAL DISASTER

WHEREAS, the Fremont County Emergency Manager has advised the Board of County Commissioners of Fremont County (“the Board”) of a disaster (as that term is defined in Part 7 of Article 33.5 of Title 24, C.R.S.) currently present in the unincorporated area of Fremont County, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the wildland fire requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, which started on or about March 17, 2026, through the duration of the wildland fire, herein referred to as the “24 Fire”; and

WHEREAS, the cost and magnitude of responding to the 24 Fire on March 17, 2026, and thereafter, and the cost of the recovery from the impact of the 24 Fire is far in excess of the county’s available resources; and

WHEREAS, as of the afternoon of March 20, 2026, the 24 Fire had burned approximately 2400 acres, after only 3 days of activity and has zero containment; and

WHEREAS, the fire presently poses a threat to approximately 100 structures in unincorporated northeastern Fremont County, and the number of threatened structures may increase depending on how and where the fire spreads and moves; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Manager has recommended that the Board declare a local disaster; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate and in the interests of the public health and safety, and would further protect property, for the Board to implement said recommendation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709 and the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Fremont County, Colorado, the Board is authorized to declare a local disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FREMONT COUNTY THAT:

1. The Board of County Commissioners for Fremont County hereby declares that there is a local disaster in the unincorporated area of Fremont County, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from wildland fire requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage.

2. The effect of this declaration of disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and inter-jurisdictional disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the principal executive officers of all other cities and towns in Fremont County affected by said disaster are urged to proclaim similar declarations and to cooperate with Fremont County as necessary to cope with this incident.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be effective as of March 17, 2026, the onset date of the 24 Fire, and shall remain in effect for the duration of the 24 Fire, not to exceed seven days thereafter except by or with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board. True copies will be filed promptly with the Colorado Division of Emergency Management and the Fremont County Clerk and Recorder, and shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

SIGNED this 20th day of March, 2026.

Fremont County Board of County Commissioners

By: 
Debbie Bell, Chair

Attest: _____
Clerk to the Board

***Fax to Colorado Office of Emergency Management when complete:
720-852-6750***

A copy is to be filed with the Fremont County Clerk, and the Fremont County Office of Emergency Management.