

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.01, THE GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL HOLD AN OPEN MEETING IN THE SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM ADJACENT TO THE HEARING ROOM, 1400 EAST ASH STREET, GLOBE, ARIZONA. ONE OR MORE BOARD MEMBER MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. **ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 610 E. HIGHWAY 260, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' CONFERENCE ROOM, PAYSON, ARIZONA.** THE AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

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**EMERGENCY MEETING - THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016 -  
1:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

- A. Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution Adopted  
No. 16-06-05 declaring a state of local emergency in  
Gila County for the Cedar Fire.

IF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NEEDED, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECEPTIONIST AT (928) 425-3231 AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE THE ACCOMMODATIONS. FOR TTY, PLEASE DIAL 7-1-1 TO REACH THE ARIZONA RELAY SERVICE AND ASK THE OPERATOR TO CONNECT YOU TO (928) 425-3231.

THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE BOARD'S ATTORNEY ON ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE AGENDA PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)((3).

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING.

**ARF-3850**

**1. A.**

**Emergency Meeting**

Meeting Date: 06/23/2016

Submitted For: Don McDaniel Jr., County Manager

Submitted By: Michael O'Driscoll, Director

Department: County Manager

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Information

Request/Subject

Resolution No. 16-06-05 Declaring a Local Emergency for the Cedar Fire.

Background Information

The Cedar Fire began burning on June 15, 2016, approximately 18 miles northwest of Whiteriver, 10 miles south of Pinetop-Lakeside/Show Low on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. Currently the fire is over 40,000 acres and has affected parts of Gila County. The Gila County Department of Emergency Management and Gila County Sheriffs Office are participating in this response by providing support personnel requested by Navajo County.

Evaluation

It is essential to the well-being of Gila County residents after disasters to expedite recovery and mitigate hazardous conditions threatening public safety. Preparation of a pre-event recovery plan can assist Gila County to organize recovery in advance of a declared disaster and to mitigate hazardous conditions before and after such a disaster. Such is the situation in this case, Cedar Creek and Carrizo are vulnerable to burn area induced flash flooding, landslides, and debris flows that have the potential to cause substantial damage to property and affect other communities near Cedar Creek and the Salt River.

Resolution No. 16-06-05 is necessary to utilize resources outside of Gila County to prepare for possible water debris and quality issues that may affect County residents and allow for financial reimbursement once we have exceeded our threshold.

Conclusion

Resolution No. 16-06-05 will prepare Gila County for recovery efforts from the Cedar Fire and provide the legal avenue to request additional resources if needed.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Gila County Director of Health and Emergency Management that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution No. 16-06-05.

Suggested Motion

Information/Discussion/Action to adopt Resolution No. 16-06-05 declaring a state of local emergency in Gila County for the Cedar Fire.

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Attachments

Resolution No. 16-06-05

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## RESOLUTION NO. 16-06-05

**WHEREAS**, the Cedar Fire began burning on June 15, 2016, approximately 18 miles northwest of Whiteriver, 10 miles south of Pinetop-Lakeside/Show Low on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; and it is the desire of the Gila County Board of Supervisors to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Gila County; and

**WHEREAS**, the fire has currently burned over 40,000 acres; and

**WHEREAS**, Cedar Creek and Carrizo are vulnerable to burn area induced flash flooding, landslides, and debris flows that have the potential to cause substantial loss of life and property; and

**WHEREAS**, Gila County Board of Supervisors is authorized under A.R.S. § 26-301, *et. seq.* to declare a state of local emergency and take actions necessary to ensure the public safety and well-being of residents, visitors, the business community and property, before, during, and after such disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to the well-being of Gila County residents after disasters to expedite recovery, mitigate hazardous conditions threatening public safety, and improve the community; and

**WHEREAS**, preparation of a pre-event Recovery Plan can help Gila County to organize to expedite recovery in advance of a declared disaster and to mitigate hazardous conditions before and after such a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, it is mutually beneficial to identify in advance of a declared disaster the necessity to establish and maintain cooperative relationships with other local, regional, state, and federal governmental agencies in order to facilitate post-disaster recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, it is informative, productive, and necessary to consult with representatives of business, industry, citizens, and community stakeholder organizations regarding the most suitable and helpful means to facilitate post-disaster recovery.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Gila County Board of Supervisors issues this Declaration of Emergency in Gila County and the Chairman is hereby authorized to take all further actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this declaration pursuant to A.R.S § 26-311.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2016 at Globe, Gila County, Arizona.

Attest:

**GILA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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Marian Sheppard  
Clerk of the Board

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Michael A. Pastor, Chairman

Approved as to form:

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Jefferson R. Dalton  
Deputy Gila County Attorney  
Civil Bureau Chief