

**State of Montana  
Office of the Governor  
Executive Order - 20-2010**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST  
IN DAWSON AND ROOSEVELT COUNTIES, MONTANA**

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WHEREAS, between May 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Dawson and Roosevelt Counties received near record amounts of rainfall; and

WHEREAS, with ground saturation and heavy rains, county officials started to receive reports of substantial widespread damage on county owned roadways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, preliminary damage assessments have been conducted by local officials with assistance from the DES Division; and

WHEREAS, the roads and bridges that are damaged are essential for the health, safety and welfare of residents of the above mentioned Counties; and

WHEREAS, the respective County Commissioners for Dawson and Roosevelt Counties did respectively declare disasters to exist for this event starting in May 2010; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned Counties have included in their resolutions that they will levy the two (2) mill emergency levy to help restore services and make the permanent repairs for that event; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners for both aforementioned Counties have written the Governor advising that the emergency is beyond the financial capabilities of their respective County and are requesting supplemental disaster relief from the state; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of an emergency authorizes the Governor under § 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare under § 10-3-302, MCA, that an emergency, as defined in § 10-3-103, MCA, exists in Dawson and Roosevelt Counties, Montana, and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the state from the general fund, pursuant to § 10-3-311, MCA.

This order is effective May 23rd , 2010.

Given under my hand and the  
GREAT SEAL of the State of  
Montana, this 30th day of July, 2010

  
BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:

  
LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State