

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-2011

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST IN THE STATE OF MONTANA INCLUDING
THE INDIAN RESERVATIONS WITHIN THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, the winter months of December, 2010 and January, February and March, 2011 have seen record accumulations of both snowfall and the associated water equivalence across all river basins within the state; and

WHEREAS, the record snowfall is melting, causing rivers, streams and tributaries to overflow their banks impacting large areas across the state including several Indian reservations; and

WHEREAS, recent or near record rainfall has fallen and continues to fall across most of central and eastern Montana causing rivers, streams and tributaries to rise out of their banks in addition to causing rapid snow melt at lower and midlevel elevations; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Coordination Center has received numerous declarations of emergencies from local and tribal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the proclamation of an emergency authorizes the Governor under § 10-3-312, 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, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare an emergency to exist in the State of Montana as provided in § 10-3-302, MCA, and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid as other claims against the State from the general fund, pursuant to § 10-3-312, MCA.

This Order is effective May 19, 2011.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this
22nd day of May, 2011



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST: 
LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State