

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9-05

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN
SWEET GRASS COUNTY, MONTANA

WHEREAS, from May 10, 2005, a large, slow moving weather system produced heavy rains in excess of 6 inches and snow across portions of Sweet Grass County, and caused streams to leave their channels and flood adjacent low lying areas; and

WHEREAS, the floodwaters caused extensive damage to 23 sites on the Sweet Grass County road system including major damage to 2 bridges; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2005, anticipating that problems resulting from these damages would exceed the county's ordinary capability to finance, the Sweet Grass County Commissioners declared an emergency, and levied the two (2) mill emergency levy; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2005, the Sweet Grass County Commissioners sent the Governor a letter requesting supplemental disaster relief from the state; and

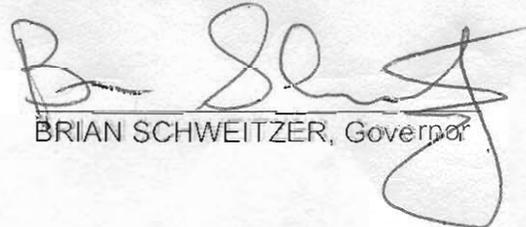
WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary state government services, equipment and supplies under this proclamation will further the efforts to protect health and safety and to preserve the lives, property and resources of the people of Sweet Grass County and the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, a proclamation of a disaster authorizes the Governor under Section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions.

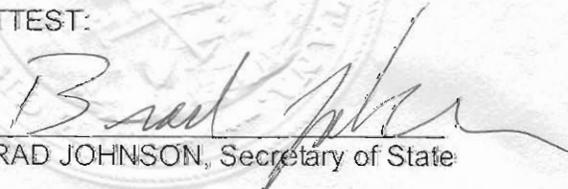
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that a disaster exists in Sweet Grass County, State of Montana.

This Order is effective May 10, 2005.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this
31st day of May, 2005.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:


BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State