

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9-2025**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A DISASTER TO EXIST
IN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, beginning on December 8, 2025, historic rainfall and snowmelt led to significant rises in the Fisher and Yaak Rivers in Northwestern Montana. Since December 9th, the Yaak River near Troy, Montana, has risen roughly five feet, putting it above the eight-foot flood stage, and the Fisher River near Libby, Montana, has risen nearly four feet and is expected to hit minor flood stage of 7.6 feet by Thursday afternoon, December 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, numerous roadways, county and state highways and bridges have been impacted with several roads being closed or impassable; and

WHEREAS, continued rainfall of 1-4" across Western and South Central Montana is expected to continue causing rivers, streams, and tributaries to rise out of their banks, in addition to causing rapid snowmelt at mid-level and high elevations; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln, Sanders, and Flathead Counties have enacted emergency or disaster declarations, and activated applicable portions of jurisdictional emergency plans and programs; and

WHEREAS, several counties, cities, towns, have already reported emergency costs and damage to critical infrastructure to include roads, bridges, and culverts; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Quality has issued a "Boil Advisory" for the town of Libby due to impacts from floodwaters to the city water supply; and

WHEREAS, the State Emergency Coordination Center is activated and is coordinating with state, local and federal agencies to provide resource and information management support to affected jurisdictions; and

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

WHEREAS, a proclamation of 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, GREG GIANFORTE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution, and the laws of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable statutes, do hereby declare under § 10-3-103 and § 10-3-303, MCA, that a flooding disaster exists in the State of Montana:

This Order is effective December 11, 2025.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 11th day of December, 2025.



GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State