



ALAN GARDNER, COMMISSION CHAIR | VICTOR IVERSON, COMMISSIONER | ZACHARY RENSTROM, COMMISSIONER

### Local 'State of Emergency' Declaration

**Whereas**, the Saddle Fire started burning in rough and inaccessible terrain on Pine Valley Mountain on or about June 13, 2016;

**Whereas**, high winds, high temperatures, steep slopes, and rocky terrain prevented firefighters from safely attacking the fire in its early stages;

**Whereas**, multiple drone intrusions have resulted in the compromised safety and wellbeing of aircraft and flight crews and have further hampered firefighting efforts;

**Whereas**, the Saddle Fire continues to grow and poses an immediate threat to the Town of Pine Valley, and its infrastructure.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on behalf of the citizens of Washington County, the Washington County Commission hereby declares this to be a Local 'State of Emergency' and hereby authorizes the Sheriff and other lawful Officials to take necessary measures including, but not limited to: road closures and evacuations – as are consistent with the preservation of life and property, and with effectively supporting fire suppression efforts.

**DATED**, this 21<sup>st</sup> Day of June, 2016

Victor Iverson, Acting Chair

**ATTEST:**

Kim Hafen, County Clerk