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Routt County Extends Emergency Disaster Declaration until July 9

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, CO — Routt County has extended their local emergency disaster declaration with the State of Colorado in response to COVID-19 for another 30 days until July 9. This declaration is an administrative tool that can help facilitate access to funding and other resources.

The County Commissioners will consider whether to extend the emergency disaster declaration in the future based on the federal and state declarations. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Stafford Act to avoid governors needing to request individual emergency declarations. All 50 states, the District of Columbia, and four territories have been approved for major emergency disaster declarations to assist with additional needs identified under the nationwide emergency disaster declaration for COVID-19. The federal emergency disaster declaration is in effect until July 27 unless extended by President Trump.

FEMA will not duplicate assistance provided by the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or other federal agencies. This includes necessary emergency protective measures for activities taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. FEMA assistance will be provided at the 75% federal cost share.

Routt County officials said in a joint statement, “This emergency disaster declaration is imperative in getting reimbursement for the funds that we have spent in the County. We are assembling the full impact of COVID-19 on our staff and resources in order to offset the costs to Routt County taxpayers with state and federal dollars.”

Read the emergency disaster declaration [here](#)

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