



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, STATE OF COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-1
A RESOLUTION RESCINDING THE CONTINUATION OF THE LOWLINE FIRE
LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN GUNNISON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, at approximately 8 a.m. local time on July 26, 2023, a wildland fire, designated as the Lowline Fire, was reported on the north aspect of a ridge between Squirrel and Mill Creeks in Gunnison County;

WHEREAS, the Lowline Fire burned north northwest of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, and southwest of Town of Crested Butte, Colorado on United States Forest Service and private lands;

WHEREAS, multiple structures were threatened, and areas of Gunnison County were under mandatory evacuation orders or pre-evacuation notices;

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(1) "A local disaster may be declared only by the principal executive officer of a political subdivision. It shall not be continued or renewed in excess seven days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision";

WHEREAS, "The effect of a declaration of local disaster emergency is to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local and interjurisdictional disaster and emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under such plans." C.R.S. § 24-33.5-709(2); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, Gunnison County, Colorado, pursuant to the foregoing authorities and other applicable law, promulgated Resolution No. 2022-32, setting forth procedures and protocols for addressing local disaster emergencies and related County actions, funding and functions; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2023, pursuant to the authority provided by law and delegated by the Board of County Commissioners, the Gunnison County Manager declared a local disaster, and his declaration has been properly executed and recorded with the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners confirmed the continued existence of such emergency and continued the local disaster emergency declaration via Resolution 2023-17; and

WHEREAS, as of November 1, 2023, all evacuation, pre-evacuation, and road closures due to the Lowline Fire were rescinded; and

WHEREAS, as of December 13, 2023, the Lowline Fire was determined to be 100% contained due to continued precipitation in the fire are, diminishing all active fire behavior; and

WHEREAS, firefighters have finished strengthening and securing all containment lines around the Lowline Fire and all resources and equipment have been released from the incident;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado **THAT**:

1. It is hereby declared that there is no longer a disaster emergency due to the Lowline Fire;

2. Resolution 2023-17; which continued the disaster emergency declaration for the Lowline Fire, is hereby rescinded.

3. This Resolution shall be promptly recorded with the Gunnison County Clerk and Recorder and filed with the Gunnison County Office of Emergency Management.

Introduced by Commissioner *Puckett-Daniels*, seconded by Commissioner *Smith* and adopted this 2nd day of January, 2024.

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By: *[Signature]*
Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

By: *[Signature]*
Elizabeth Smith, Commissioner

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Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner

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