

COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

AUGUST 19, 2013

The Elmore County Commissioners met in regular session on the above date in the Commissioners Room, basement of the Elmore County Courthouse, 150 South 4th East, Mountain Home, Idaho.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Al Hofer, Commissioners Bud Corbus and Wes Wootan. Also present were Civil Attorney Buzz Grant, Clerk Barbara Steele and Deputy Clerk Shelley Hooper.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the minutes for August 12, 2013

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Pest Abatement District Expenses in the amount of \$1,844.90. D&B Supply - \$21.96, Centurylink - \$37.63, Mountain Home Auto Parts - \$66.93 and Elmore County - \$1,718.38.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve Resolution No. 523-13 Second Extension of Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

**ELMORE COUNTY
SECOND EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

RESOLUTION NO. 523-13

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY (the “County”) COMMISSIONERS (the “Board”), STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED, TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Board, on August 9, 2013, passed Resolution No. 520-13 (“Initial Declaration”) declaring a state of local disaster emergency regarding the wild fires located in the County, referred to as the Pony Complex Fire and the Elk Complex Fire; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of local disaster emergency under Idaho Code is §46-1011(1), is limited in duration to seven days unless it is continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Declaration runs from August 9, 2013 through August 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Board on August 12, 2013, adopted Resolution No. 521-13 (the “First Extension”) extending the declaration of local disaster from August 16, 2013 through August 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the First Extension contained a scrivener’s error and the Board corrected such error and restated the First Extension of the Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency by passing Resolution No. 522-13 (the “Corrected First Extension”) on August 15, 2013, extending the declaration of local disaster from August 16, 2013 through August 23, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to further extend the declaration of local disaster emergency from August 23, 2013 through August 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, has the authority to declare a state of local disaster emergency regarding the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the wild fires located in the County, commonly known and referred to as the Pony Complex Fire and the Elk Complex Fire, are a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster emergency exists in the County and the County requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life and property and to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests that the Governor of the State of Idaho, together with the other appropriate state officials, along with other appropriate federal officials, to make such declarations, and provide such assistance within County as required and allowed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Elmore County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, that a local disaster emergency exists in Elmore County, Idaho; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of the State of Idaho be advised of this local disaster emergency and is requested to take all action available for the amelioration of the above described local disaster emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elmore County Recorder be directed to properly file this Resolution pursuant to Idaho Code Section 46-1011 and that the Elmore County Clerk provide prompt and general publicity of this declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect for seven days, from August 23, 2013 through August 30, 2013, unless it is extended by the Elmore County Board of Commissioners.

Approved as a Resolution of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners effective on this 19th day of August 2013.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

- /S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman**
- /S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner**
- /S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner**
- ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk**

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Agreement to Provide Access to Certain Records for Guaranty Title Inc.

- HOFER -AYE**
- CORBUS -AYE**
- WOOTAN -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

The dispatch agreement with the City of Mountain Home was discussed. The City has agreed to a 3% increase for the contract starting October 1, 2013.

Motion by Wootan, second by Corbus, to approve the Agreement for Dispatch Services between the City of Mountain Home and the Elmore County Sheriff's Department.

- HOFER -AYE**
- CORBUS -AYE**
- WOOTAN -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve the Ambulance District Expenses in the amount of \$129,246.44, RTI - \$138.89 and Elmore Medical Center \$129,107.55.

- HOFER -AYE**
- CORBUS -AYE**
- WOOTAN -AYE** **Motion carried and so ordered.**

The annual payroll fair will be held on September 5th. This will be the time for employees to make changes to their health benefits. There will be a barbeque held for employees.

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the Certificates of Residency for Audrey Dale Carl, William I. Etherington, Paola Rodriguez, Alejandra Sanchez, Alexander G. Tellez, Violeta J. Garcia Sedano, Brenna S. Proud and Pam Roemer.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN..... -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) – 31-874 to discuss indigent applications. Roll call vote was taken.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN..... -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Regular session resumed. The following decisions were made as a result of the Executive Session:

K-07-13-01 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to deny as incomplete, as there is not enough documentation to make a determination of indigency.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN..... -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-07-13-02 Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to approve with a reimbursement order of \$75.00 per month and 50% for Federal and State tax refunds as payment.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN..... -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-08-13-01 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to deny as Payette County is the obligated county, not Elmore County.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN..... -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

K-07-13-06 Motion by Corbus, second by Hofer, to approve with reimbursement order of \$75.00 per month to begin on October 15, 2013 and 50% of Federal and State tax refunds as payment. Applicant must report to Elmore County regarding employment/unemployment status on a monthly basis.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN..... -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Assessor Ron Fisher appeared. Chairman Hofer asked if the assessor's office can send out notices to property owners in the fire areas regarding casualty loss tax exemptions. Assessor Fisher stated that his office has already received a few casualty loss exemption forms, but if he can get a list of damaged or devastated properties in the fire areas, he will compile a list of property owners and send out notices, so everyone is aware of the exemptions.

The new wild fire near the Atlanta area, called the Little Queens Fire, was discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to add to the agenda a meeting today with Idaho Legislators and the public to discuss the recent wildfire devastation and the declaration of local disaster for the Atlanta area for a new wild fire known as the Little Queens Fire.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and sign Resolution No. 524-13 Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency for the Little Queens Fire.

HOFER -AYE
CORBUS -AYE
WOOTAN -AYE **Motion carried and so ordered.**

**ELMORE COUNTY
DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY**

RESOLUTION NO. 524-13

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ELMORE COUNTY (the "County") COMMISSIONERS (the "Board"), STATE OF IDAHO, ON THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2013, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, TO WIT;

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, has the authority to declare a state of local disaster emergency regarding the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the wild fire located in the County, commonly known and referred to as the Little Queens Fire is a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, a local disaster emergency exists in the County and the County requires state emergency assistance to supplement local efforts to protect life and property and to activate the response and recovery aspects of any and all applicable local or intergovernmental disaster emergency plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the Board requests that the Governor of the State of Idaho, together with the other appropriate state officials, along with other appropriate federal officials, to make such declarations, and provide such assistance within County as required and allowed by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Elmore County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare, pursuant to Idaho Code §46-1011, that a local disaster emergency exists in Elmore County, Idaho; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Governor of the State of Idaho be advised of this local disaster emergency and is requested to take all action available for the amelioration of the above described local disaster emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Elmore County Recorder be directed to properly file this Resolution pursuant to Idaho Code Section 46-1011 and that the Elmore County Clerk provide prompt and general publicity of this declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall remain in effect for seven days, unless it is extended by the Elmore County Board of Commissioners.

Approved as a Resolution of the Elmore County Board of Commissioners effective on this 19th day of August 2013.

ELMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

/S/ ALBERT HOFER, Chairman

/S/ FRANKLIN L. CORBUS, Commissioner

/S/ WESLEY R. WOOTAN, Commissioner

ATTEST: /S/ BARBARA STEELE, Clerk

Motion by Hofer, second by Wootan, to approve the 2014 Beer, Liquor and Wine License renewal list as reviewed and approved by Chief Deputy Mike Barclay of the Sheriff's Department.

HOFER -AYE

CORBUS -AYE

WOOTAN..... -AYE

Motion carried and so ordered.

Adrian's Club
Nancy Reynolds
PO Box 941
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-2710
Bus: 240 South Main
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Air Base Road Chevron
JCCS Inc
1855 West 6th South
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-5899

AJ's Restaurant & Lounge
MLNB Inc
PO Box 1333
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-2264
Bus: 1130 Hwy 20
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Albertson's #165
Albertson's LLC
Attn: Dept 70428
PO Box 20
Boise, ID 83726

Phone: 587-5460
Bus: 528 North Main St.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

American Legion Elmore Post 26
American Legion Elmore Post 26 Inc
PO Box 126
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-3447
Bus: 515 East 2nd South
Mountain Home, ID 83647

American Legion Post 101
Am Legn D Hawk Howard Post 101
PO Box 1072
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-7967
Bus: 715 South 3rd West
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Beaver Lodge
Beaver Lodge Inc
71 West Main
Atlanta, ID 83601

Phone: 864-2132

Big Smoke
The Big Smoke LLC
PO Box 1028
Meridian, ID 83680

Phone: 345-6029
Bus: 305 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Brew-N-Cue
Steve Ichiyama
250 North Main
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-9910/570-4373

Cal's
Cal Miller
210 West Main
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-7747/602-6179

Carlo's Mexican Style Family Dining
Kimberly C. Hartman
PO Box 11
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-2966
Bus: 1500 Sunset Strip
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Carmela Winery & Golf Course
Three Island LLC
PO Box 790
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-2313
Bus: 1289 West Madison St.
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Charlie's Place
Charles & Sandra Boardwine
165 North 2nd East
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-6145

Cold Springs Winery
Cold Springs Winery LLC
PO Box 4
Hammett, ID 83627

Phone: 366-7993
Bus: 7853 West Ringert Lane
Hammett, ID 83627

The Corner Market
Cindi Wilde
PO Box 351
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-7411
Bus: 500 East 1st
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Country Corner Market
Thomas Futch
2392 Canyon Creek Rd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-4114

Derail Oregon Trail Café & Bar
Jack & Kathy Anderson
PO Box 967
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-2280
Bus: 110 East Idaho St.
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Desert Canyon Golf Course
Charles Curtis
1880 East 8th North
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-3293

Desert Winds Chevron
N&G Inc
3872 Ditto Creek Rd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-1101

The Edge
Jeffrey J App
835 South 3rd West
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-5621/590-0516

El Herradero Restaurant
El Herradero Restaurant LLC
c/o Alden Holm & Co
9446 West Fairview Ave.
Boise, ID 83704

Phone: 587-0694/590-4869

Bus: 210 East 5th North
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Elk Valley Resort
Elk Valley Ranch Inc
3561 North Pine Featherville Rd.
Featherville, ID 83647

Phone: 653-2376/653-2715/587-3014 (David)

El Toro Market
El Toro Market LLC
1164 E Hamilton Road
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 580-0072

Fall Creek Resort & Marina
Fall Creek of Idaho Inc
6633 Overland Rd.
Boise, ID 83709

Phone: 653-2242

Bus: Anderson Ranch Reservoir
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Fatty'z Pizza LLC
Fatty'z New York Style Pizza
230 N Main St
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-1113

Featherville Resort
Featherville Resort LLC
708 East Riverview Circle
Pine, ID 83647

Phone: 653-2310/653-2246
Bus: 4411 North Pine Featherville Rd.
Featherville, ID 83647

Foothills Chevron
N&G Inc
1060 Hwy 20
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-3753

Freedom Lanes
Raynhar LLC
830 North 2nd East
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-4448

Fudge Factory Grill
Heart of Idaho LLC
PO Box 65
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-7687
Bus: 160 South Commercial St
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

German Haus
Julianna Hansen
2375 Airbase Road
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 580-1850

Grinde's Diner
Kenneth & Kay Grinde
550 Airbase Rd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-5611

Hammet Valley Market & Café
Jack & Kathy Anderson
PO Box 967
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-2536 or 366-2280 (Derail-Kathy)
Bus: 9251 Old Hwy 30
Hammet, ID 83627

Hammett Valley Trading Post
Frank Stowell
PO Box 183
Hammett, ID 83627

Phone: 366-2712
Bus: 9355 Old Hwy 30
Hammett, ID 83627

Hanson's Café
Ronald J Crone
PO Box 117
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-9983
Bus: 201 East 1st
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Hawley's Automotive Center
Hawley's Automotive Center Inc
650 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-9990

Jacksons Food #77
Jacksons Food Stores Inc
3450 Commercial Ct.
Meridian, ID 83642

Phone: 587-5301 or 884-6658
Bus: 585 West 6th
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Jade Palace Restaurant
Jade Palace Restaurant Inc
1525 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-2863 or 587-2856

Jovial Jerry's Lounge
Robert Lemieux
PO Box 163
Bruneau, ID 83604

Phone: 587-0901
Bus: 1905 2nd East
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Kurly's Sports Bar & Grill
Mike & Brandi Kearby
124 East Jackson
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-3836

Little Camas Inn
Target & Robin Hawks
237 NW Garrett Ave
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 371-3702
Bus: 25322 E Hwy 20
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Los Pinos Restaurant
Maria Inez Pedroza
815 South 3rd West
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-7441 or 440-0453 (Erika)
Bus: 815 South 3rd St.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Mark Anthony's Purveyors of Fine Cigars
Mark Anthony's Purveyors of Fine Cigars
495 NW Jerome Ave.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-4533
Bus: 175 North 2nd East
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Martin's Family Mexican Restaurant
Martin T Arceo
145 North 2nd East
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-9223

Maverick Country Store #209
Maverick Country Stores Inc
Attn: Holly Galbraith
880 West Center Street
Boise, ID 83709

Phone: 587-3894/307-885-3861 Ext 130
Bus: 140 North 10th East
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Mountain Home Elks Lodge #2276
Mountain Home Lodge #2276 BPOE Inc
325 South 3rd West
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-9926
Bus: 325 South 3rd West
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Nitz' Pine Store
Nitz' Pine Store LLC
88 North Pine Featherville Rd.
Pine, ID 83647

Phone: 653-2222
Bus: South Fork Boise River
Pine, ID 83647

Paul's Market
Z Inc
PO Box 937
Homedale, ID 83628

Phone: 587-3277
Bus: 215 East Jackson St.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Pilot Travel Center #350
Pilot Travel Centers LLC
PO Box 10146 (Tax Dept)
Knoxville, TN 37939

Phone: 865-588-7488
Bus: 1050 Hwy 20
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Pine Resort
Pine Resort LLC
12 North Pine Featherville Rd.
Pine, ID 83647

Phone: 653-2323

Pizza Huts #2168
NPC International Inc
720 West 20th St. Licensing Dept.
Pittsburg, KS 66762

Phone: 587-4404
Bus: 605 Airbase Rd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Prairie Store Bar & Grill
Edward E. Holder
Box 897
Caldwell, ID 83606

Phone: 868-3275 or 880-5603
Bus: Prairie
Prairie, ID

Price-Less Mini Mart
Northwest Land & Cattle Co.
471 North Curtis Rd.
Boise, ID 83706

Phone: 366-7309
Bus: 216 West 1st St.
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Red Pavillion
Panda by the Lake Inc
2005 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-7192

Rodeo Night Club
Power House Entertainment LLC
224 North Main Street
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 861-4103 or 587-0069

Shiok Restaurant
Shiok LLC
13654 SW Venable Street
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 832-9888

Smoky Mtn. Pizza & Pasta
Smoky Mtn. Pizza & Pasta Mtn. Home Inc
408 East 41st
Garden City, ID 83714

Phone: 587-2840 Office: 433-9596
Bus: 1465 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Southside Market
Lenz Inc
PO Box 848
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-7481
Bus: 183 South Commercial
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Stew's Place
Stew's Place LLC
PO Box 351
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

Phone: 366-9976
Bus: 28 East Idaho St.
Glenns Ferry, ID 83623

The Stockyard
Raymond Bartauskay
PO Box 1210
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-5055
Bus: 185 South 2nd East
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Sunset Sports Bar
Shirley Peterson & Loran Hatch
270 East 4th North
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Phone: 587-8961

Sunset Super C
Northwest Land & Cattle Co.
471 North Curtis Rd.
Boise, ID 83706

Phone: 377-0024
Bus: 990 Sunset Strip
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Tobacco Connection #26
Kebob LLC
4280 Amity Road Ste 103
Nampa, ID 83687

Phone: 587-4240
Bus: 2680 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Wal Mart Supercenter #2782
Wal-Mart Stores Inc
702 SW 8th St. – Licensing 8916
Bentonville, AR 72716-0500

Phone: 587-0601 Corporate: 479-277-8357
Bus: 2745 American Legion Blvd.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Wingers Bar & Grill Mtn. Home
MH Wings LLC
16250 N Marketplace Blvd.
Nampa, ID 83687

Phone: 587-1212
Bus: 3150 NE Foothills Ave.
Mountain Home, ID 83647

Y-Stop General Store
Cort & Carlene Braithwaite
1260 West Long Gulch
Prairie, ID 83647

Phone: 868-3249

Y-Stop Restaurant
Cort & Carlene Braithwaite
1260 West Long Gulch
Prairie, ID 83647

Phone: 868-3249

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to approve and have Chairman Hofer execute the Extension Office invoice for the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$3,300.00 from the Department of Health and Welfare for Mosquito Surveillance.

HOFER -**AYE**
CORBUS -**AYE**
WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Clerk Steele discussed a jail audit.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to go into Executive Session pursuant to I.C. 67-2345(d) to discuss records exempt from disclosure. Roll call vote was taken.

HOFER -**AYE**
CORBUS -**AYE**
WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed. No decision was made as a result of the Executive Session.

Motion by Wootan, second by Hofer, to adjourn for lunch.

HOFER -**AYE**
CORBUS -**AYE**
WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.

Regular session resumed.

A meeting was held regarding ways to help supplement ranchers who were devastated by the Pony Complex and Elk Complex Fires. The Board advised residents to contact the assessor's office regarding significant property loss and tax adjustments. Several representatives from government agencies, including Congressman Mike Simpson and Senator Jim Risch were present to update the audience of the assistance available to residents devastated by the fires. Senator Bert Bracket was scheduled to attend, but was delayed at an airport out of town and unable to attend. The Elmore County Disaster Task Force List, comprised of names and phone numbers of individuals to contact for information on assistance related to the fires, was handed out to the audience. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has started a Burn Emergency Action Response (BEAR) Team and requested that Dave Humphreys, of the Elmore County Extension Office, be on the team as the Elmore County representative. Commissioner Corbus stated that some of the major concerns are fencing issues on private lands and federal grounds, seeding and rehab of

the lands. Due to the loss of feed, there may be a possibility of range exchange or opening up additional grazing areas for ranchers to share. There may also be programs available to defer capital gains taxes if ranchers have to sell their herds due to lack of grazing. Congressman Simpson stated they are currently working on passing the Farm Bill. John Revier, of Congressman Simpson's, office explained the Emergency Livestock Assistance Program, which covers losses on non-federal lands and the Emergency Haying and Grazing Program which are covered in the Farm Bill. Senator Jim Risch stated that what he is looking for is specific needs from ranchers. He will then take those needs to the subcommittees for the Spending Bill. Holly Hampton of the Forest Service spoke about the BEAR Support Team. The Forest Service will be working jointly with BLM, starting with the Pony Complex fire this week. Her team will spend one week in the field collecting data, then next week will be spent putting together proposals, budgets, etc. They will try to do as much seeding and mulching as possible, along with culvert replacement, to try and keep as much soil on the ground as possible so water systems are not lost. Ms. Hampton discussed BEAR money and other monies that are available for different projects. Rancher Skip Owens spoke of large fuel loads and stated that something needs to be done to prevent future fires. Connie Tharp, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, stated that they are moving ahead with the Emergency Watershed Protection project and will be doing detailed analysis of the fire damaged areas to make sure they can provide as much funding as possible. Jeff Groat, Executive Director of the Farm Service Agency, stated that his department is also working on getting the Farm Bill passed. Mr. Groat stated that residents need to keep precise documentation of livestock issues and losses, whether they died in the fire, or even after the fires due to smoke inhalation issues. The documentation will be an important part of being involved with retroactive programs once the Farm Bill is passed. John Biar, of the Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) stated the ISDA has compiled a list of websites and potential resources that may be of help to those ranchers affected by the fires. Anyone looking for information on available resources or points of contact can go to www.agri.idaho.gov and links will be available on the homepage. There is information regarding alternate animal facilities, emergency and operations loans and volunteer organizations. The information will be updated as it becomes available. Commissioner Corbus stated that there is also a concern of the wildlife that will be displaced due to the fires and the ranchers may be inundated with wildlife looking for what grazing and food is left. Chairman Hofer suggested setting up feed stations for the wildlife. The Board thanked everyone for coming and will continue future meetings and updates regarding the issued discussed.

Motion by Hofer, second by Corbus, to adjourn.

HOFER -**AYE**
CORBUS -**AYE**
WOOTAN -**AYE**

Motion carried and so ordered.