

# Executive Document

## Governor's Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency Because of Flooding.

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning on August 22, 1997, Piute County, Utah has experienced heavy thunderstorms, flash flooding and debris flows in and around the Kingston area; and

WHEREAS, the debris and sediment from this event has caused damage to the culinary water system of the Town of Kingston which creates a serious threat to the life; safety and property of the citizens of Piute County; and

WHEREAS, flooding caused damage to State Road 62, resulting in temporary closure, and destroyed six miles of the Blue Jay Road, which connects the communities of Monroe, Antimony and Koosharem and also serves numerous livestock producers that utilize the range on Forshea Mountain and Monroe Mountain, causing a severe hardship to those producers because they must detour more than 40 miles extra to get to livestock; and

WHEREAS, these conditions do create a disaster emergency within the intent of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act of 1981;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, Governor of the State of Utah by virtue of the power vested in me by the constitution and the laws of the State of Utah, do hereby order as follows:

It is found, determined and declared that a "State of Emergency" exists in Piute County due to the threat to public safety, health and property from the flooding and debris flows, requiring aid, assistance and relief pursuant to the provisions of state statutes, and the State Emergency Operations Plan, which is hereby activated.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 15th day of September 1997.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker  
Lt. Governor

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