



CEM 14-06-16

RESOLUTION OF THE  
COMMISSION ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

**DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE ASSAYII LAKE (BOWL CANYON) FIRE.**

**WHEREAS:**

1. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., § 881 the Navajo Nation Council established the Commission on Emergency Management, authorizing it to assess, verify, recommend and declare states of emergency with the concurrence of the President of the Navajo Nation, and
2. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., §§ 883 (A) (C) the Commission is empowered to coordinate immediate emergency and disaster relief services with Navajo Nation and non-tribal entities in conjunction with the Department of Emergency Management to recommend and deploy appropriate resources regarding natural and man-made emergencies; and
3. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C., §§ 884 (B) (2), the Commission on Emergency Management may seek assistance from federal, state, other tribal governments, and local and private agencies to address emergency and disaster related situations; and
4. A fire started Friday, June 13, 2014 at Assayii Lake and has consumed approximately 1,100 acres in the Assayii Lake (Bowl Canyon) area; and
5. The Assayii Lake (Bowl Canyon Area) is a rich natural, cultural, and historical resource of timber of the Navajo Nation and lives and property of the local land users within the fire impacted area; and
6. In consultation with the Navajo Nation Department of Emergency Management and the Southwest Incident Management Team – Team 3 that the fire in the Assayii Lake (Bowl Canyon Area) has grown to significant proportion impacting the natural, cultural, and historical resources as well as substantial human health and safety risk factors, the Commission on Emergency Management supports the coordinated efforts of the Incident Command of the Southwest Incident Management Team – Team 3, including but not limited to order of evacuations, closures of roads to and within the Assayii Lake Fire impacted area, until such time that said fire is fully contained.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management hereby declares a State of Emergency for the Assayii Lake (Bowl Canyon) Fire due to substantial impact to the natural, cultural, and historical natural resources as well as substantial human health and safety risk factors.

2. The needs of the Navajo Nation are to be addressed in a manner so as to provide the necessary resources required to address said Declared State of Emergency. This includes, but not limited to, resources of personnel, equipment, monetary funding, administrative disciplinary action and/or enforcement, and other resources as may be required to protect natural, cultural, and historical natural resources as well as substantial human health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Navajo Nation (see Whereas 2 & 3 above).

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo Nation Commission on Emergency Management at a duly called special meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation, Arizona, at which a quorum was present and that the same passed by a vote of 4 approved, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

  
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Herman Shorty, Chairperson  
Commission on Emergency Management

Motion by: Lt. Emerson Lee

Second by: Dicky Bain

### CONCURRENCE:

  
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Ben Shelly, President  
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