## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COUNTY OF KITTITAS STATE OF WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO <u>2014-1</u>78

## SNAG CANYON FIRE DISASTER CLEAN UP

**WHEREAS:** The Kittitas County Board of County Commissioners declared the Snag Canyon Fire an Emergency on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, necessitating activation of the Kittitas County Disaster Preparedness Plan and utilization of emergency powers pursuant to RCW 36.40.180 and RCW 38.52.070(2). The commissioners determined that the debris from the Snag Canyon Fire posed a threat to life, public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS:** The fire destroyed homes in Kittitas County within the impact zone and the commissioners determined that to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kittitas County, it was in the best interests of the County and its citizens to assist in economic recovery in the area by waving disposal fees for impacted citizens; and

WHEREAS: The fire also damaged other homes and outbuildings within the impact zone and the commissioners determined that to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kittitas County, it was in the best interests of the County and its citizens to waive all tipping fees for the debris removal for impacted citizens; and

WHEREAS: Upon the recommendation of the Solid Waste Department, the commissioners determined that to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Kittitas County, it was in the best interests of the County and its citizens for everyone in the impact zone to recycle all metal and concrete, and to work with the County's Solid Waste Department and the County's recycling contractor to assist residents where needed to remove metal from their property; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That in order to assist with economic recovery following the Snag Canyon Fire Emergency, the County waived disposal fees for qualifying residents within the impacted area of the Fire Emergency;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That in order to assist with economic recovery following the Snag Canyon Fire Emergency, the County waived all tipping fees for debris removal for qualifying residents within the impacted area of the Fire Emergency;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That in order to assist with economic recovery following the Snag Canyon Fire Emergency, the County Commissioners in collaboration with the County's Solid Waste Department provided access to the County's recycling contractor to

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remove metal from the property of qualified residents within the impacted area of the Fire Emergency;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the Board of County Commissioners declared the County's Snag Canyon Fire Cleanup Program to operate as follows:

- All tipping fees for Fire debris removal for eligible property owners within the impacted areas will be waived. The necessary forms for requests and self-haul customer vouchers can be found on the Kittitas County Website or by contacting Kittitas County Solid Waste at (509) 962-7542.
- The following Fire debris will be accepted: Fire-damaged materials, household goods, furniture, and clothing; spoiled food; and fire-damaged carpets, wallboard, and lumber. This program WILL NOT cover the transportation costs of Contractors or self-hauled waste.
- Metal and concrete will NOT be accepted; other recycling options must be utilized for metal and concrete. Metal and concrete that the qualifying resident wishes to have removed from the property should be segregated on the resident's property until different arrangements can be made.
- The following waste types SHALL NOT be disposed of as part of this Fire debris removal program.
  - 1. Asbestos Containing Waste
  - 2. Sludge
  - 3. Stumps or logs over Twelve (12) Feet in diameter
  - 4. Mud, Dirt, and/or Sod.
  - 5. Dead Animals
  - 6. Hazardous Waste
  - 7. RV's or Vehicles
  - 8. Electronics
  - 9. Any other solid waste designated as ineligible by authorized personnel.
- Other restrictions may apply as rules to be followed by the contractors who are designated to remove the Fire debris.

Qualifying residents who participated in this Fire Cleanup Program signed a release of liability before County contractors removed the designated Fire debris

Fire debris vouchers were accepted at the Kittitas County Transfer Stations through October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. A total of \$1,658.50 in tip fees was waived as part of this program.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DATED THIS <u>*llet*</u> day of December, 2014

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## APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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