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ERFPD FILES DISASTER DECLARATION

EDWARDS, CO – On March 12, 2020, the Eagle River Fire Board of Directors (ERFPD), signed a local disaster emergency declaration due to a number of COVID-19 cases being reported in the County. The declaration follows similar declarations from both Eagle County and the State of Colorado, and opens up opportunities for funding and resources to assist in response and recovery.

The declaration, which was filed with both Eagle County and the State of Colorado, will be in effect until March 19, unless extended by an action of the ERFPD Board. Filing of a declaration is a typical step in the emergency management process, and provides access to resources, as well as greater legal and financial flexibility. This allows the District to better protect our most vulnerable communities and work with other emergency response and healthcare agencies to contain the outbreak.

Additionally, all ERFPD stations will be closed to the public, and appearances at public events have been postponed. While the District regrets any inconvenience this may cause, our top priority we have implemented these measures to maintain readiness of the community's emergency response force.

Those with questions about COVID-19 can call the CO HELP Hotline at 1-877-462-2911. Local information can be found at www.ecemergency.org or the Eagle County Public Information Officers Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/eaglecountypio/.

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Attachments: Declaration.pdf

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