



STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF HUDSPETH

**DECLARATION OF DISASTER
ESPERANZA PECAN HULLS BURN**

WHEREAS, on this day, Hudspeth County, Texas, has determined that extraordinary measures must be taken in response to a developing emergency locally referred to as the "Esperanza Pecan Hulls Burn," involving a large-scale fire and ongoing smoldering of approximately 50,000 to 100,000 tons of pecan hull waste material in the Esperanza area of Hudspeth County; and

WHEREAS, this incident poses a significant threat to public safety and health due to the potential for air pollution from continued smoke emissions, danger to property and wildlife, possible water pollution from contaminated runoff impacting nearby waterways, other environmental considerations and hazardous travel conditions for the traveling public along the Interstate 10 (I-10) corridor caused by reduced visibility from heavy smoke; and

WHEREAS, the situation is beyond the capability of local resources to adequately manage, and it is necessary to implement a coordinated interagency response to suppress the fire and mitigate environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, Hudspeth County will request assistance with the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 4 Firefighting, and the deployment of a Type 3 Incident Management Team (IMT) Short Team, and/or any other appropriate subject matter expert(s) to assist the County for a period of seven (7) days in developing and implementing a comprehensive fire suppression and environmental mitigation plan.

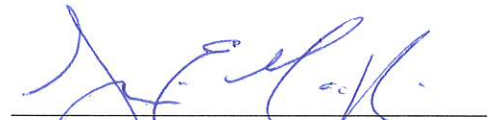
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HUDSPETH COUNTY, TEXAS:

- I. That a local state of disaster is hereby declared for Hudspeth County, Texas, pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code due to the "Esperanza Pecan Hulls Burn" incident.
- II. Pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, the state of this disaster shall continue for a period of no more than seven (7) days from the date of this declaration unless continued or renewed by order of the Commissioners Court of Hudspeth County, Texas.

- III. Pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- IV. Pursuant to Section 418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code, this declaration of a local state of disaster activates the Hudspeth County Emergency Management Plan and authorizes the furnishing of all available aid, assistance, and resources to respond to and mitigate this disaster.

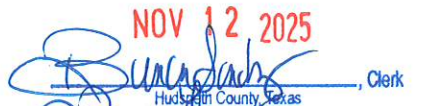
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Hudspeth County, Texas, to be affixed this 12th day of November 2025.

ORDERED this 12th day of November, 2025.


Joanna E. MacKenzie, County Judge
Hudspeth County, Texas

Attest: 
Brenda Sanchez, County Clerk

RECEIVED & FILED
FOR RECORD
At 1:14 O'Clock P.M.

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Brenda Sanchez, Clerk
Hudspeth County, Texas
By 
Deputy