

**INTERAGENCY MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT
OF
GRANT COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Grant County and the incorporated municipalities and political subdivisions embraced within its boundaries, are subject to disaster or emergencies created by technological or natural hazards, including acts of aggression towards the United States of America, the damage from which could be greater than any one individual incorporated municipality or political subdivision could adequately cope with, alone and

WHEREAS, It is lawful and in the public interest that a Mutual Aid Agreement providing a method whereby the various incorporated municipalities or political subdivision of Grant County agree to furnish medical, fire, transportation, and law enforcement, to Grant County and any City, Town, or the Political Subdivision within its boundaries which may be stricken by disasters or emergencies, and

WHEREAS, such mutual aid is reasonable and such agreements are permitted under the terms of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 38.52 and

WHEREAS, request for and movements of such mutual aid must be coordinated from a command post, joint command operation or coordinated from an established Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with authority to direct such movements, and

WHEREAS, Grant County Department of Emergency Management has been established to encompass this work in conformity with Chapter 38.52.090 RCW and the Washington State Emergency Response Plan, and

WHEREAS, it is to the mutual advantage of Grant County, the incorporated cities and towns, and political subdivisions within its boundaries to lend mutual aid and assistance one to the other in time of need,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the County of Grant and each of the municipalities and political subdivisions, undersigned, agrees as follows:

(1) Each party will furnish the Grant County Department of Emergency Management a current inventory listing, of equipment and manpower available for use in time of any emergency or disaster.

(2) Whenever any party to this agreement suffers a disaster or emergency which requires additional aid beyond that which said party is able to provide for itself, each other party to this agreement, at the request of the stricken party or through coordination by the Department of Emergency Management, agrees to make available to such stricken party the equipment, facilities and manpower that it can reasonably spare at that time. Fire resources are controlled through implementation of the County Fire Resource Plan in coordination with both the State and Regional Fire Resource Plan.

(3) The Lending party shall be responsible for the delivery of such equipment or manpower to the stricken area. Any and all equipment so loaned shall be delivered to staging areas designated by the Incident Commander or Department of Emergency Management and upon arrival at the staging area/s all equipment and manpower loaned shall be under the control and jurisdiction of the receiving party and shall be used and controlled under the provisions of Chapter 38.52 RCW.

(4) All equipment, facilities, and manpower so loaned shall be returned upon demand of the lending party or when released by the receiving party. The receiving party assumes responsibility for coordination of food, shelter, sanitation for personnel and operating supplies (fuel and oil) for equipment. Coordination of these materials may be accomplished through a request to the Department of Emergency Management.

(5) When ever any party to this agreement loans equipment, facilities, or manpower as provided herein, such lending party may thereupon request implementation of a move-up plan whereby other political subdivisions or municipalities which are parties to this agreement will move a portion of their corresponding equipment or manpower to the depleted area to provide a continued measure of protection to that area.

(6) Each party should furnish a list of facilities which may be used as shelters to care for persons displaced from their homes or stranded, because of an emergency or disaster. The Department of Emergency Management will compile the information about size and care capabilities, and provide emergency workers and support personnel to man these facilities should the need arise.

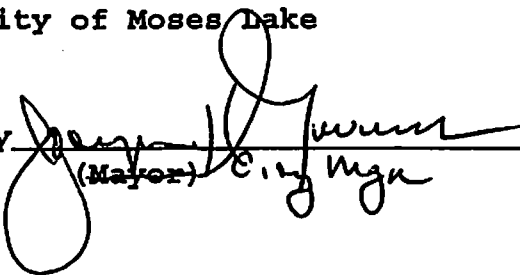
(7) Each party hereto assumes responsibility for and liability for normal maintenance, repair, damage, personal injury, or death, arising out of their performance of this agreement when such loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurs as a result of the action of the party injured, absent the negligence of any other party proximately causing such loss or injury.

(8) This agreement shall remain in effect so long as any two entities remain parties thereto.


Any party to this agreement may withdraw from the same at any time by giving thirty days written notice to the Grant County Emergency Management office which shall in turn provide written notice if such withdrawal to all other parties to this agreement.

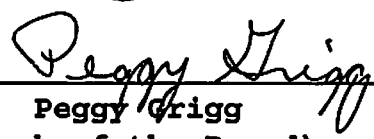
EXECUTION, The undersigned city, town, fire protection district or county it authorized to execute this agreement by action of its legislative authority as evidenced by the signature of its chief executive officer this 7 day, of May, 1999.

City of Moses Lake

By 
(Mayor) City of Moses Lake

Grant County Board of Commissioners

Signed 
Tim Snead, Chairman

Attested 
Peggy Grigg
(Clerk of the Board)