BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HOOD RIVER COUNTY, OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF:
RESCINDING CLOSURE ORDERS
TO PROTECT THE CITIZENS
OF HOOD RIVER COUNTY AND LIMIT
COMMUNITY SPREAD OF
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 the Hood River County Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted Resolution No. 2323 declaring a Local State of Emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, activating certain emergency powers authorized by ORS 401.309 and the County’s Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order (EO-20-12) directing Oregonians to Stay Home, Save Lives, restricting non-essential travel and prohibiting all non-essential social and recreational gatherings of individuals where a minimum 6-foot distance between all individuals could not be maintained as a primary means of reducing the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Board adopted Order No. 20-001 closing all County parks, forests, forest recreational staging areas, facilities and trails to recreational use, and restricting transient lodging, including RV parks and public and private campgrounds, hotels, motels, short-term rentals and homestay lodging; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, the Board adopted Order No. 20-002, amending Order No. 20-001 to exclude controlled hunting from the recreational closure orders; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2020, the Board adopted Order No. 20-003, amending Order No. 20-002 to restore local access to County forests, roads and trails for dispersed recreational day use, subject to certain restrictions for maintaining adequate social distancing measures; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2020, Governor Kate Brown issued a public health framework for reopening Oregon, establishing Gating Criteria, Core State Preparedness and Phased Lifting of Restrictions for restarting public life and business; and

WHEREAS, Hood River County, together with its community stakeholders, developed a Reopening Plan based on Governor Brown’s public health framework, certifying preparedness to enter Phase One of Lifting Restrictions, and adopting state guidelines for reopening; and

ORDER NO. 20-004
WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020, the Board formally adopted Hood River County’s Reopening Plan and Resolution No. 2328 certifying preparedness and requesting approval from the Governor’s Office to commence Phase One Reopening in Hood River County; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 2020, Governor Brown found that Hood River County had met the prerequisite criteria for entering Phase One and approved the County’s Reopening Plan, effective May 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, while the state and local declarations of emergency and executive orders issued as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic remain in effect, the Board finds that reopening County parks, forests and facilities and lifting lodging restrictions in a safe and strategic manner can now be accomplished under the State and County public health framework and Reopening Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board rescinds its temporary order restricting transient lodging pursuant to Order No. 20-001, as amended, including motels, hotels, short-term vacation rentals, hosted home shares, bed and breakfasts, RV parks and campgrounds and camping on private property, effective immediately.

2. Transient lodging operators are instructed to comply with all Oregon Health Authority regulations and Centers for Disease Control guidelines for traveler’s accommodations.

3. The Board rescinds its closures of County parks, forests, trails and developed recreational facilities pursuant to Order No. 20-001, as amended, effective on or before June 8, 2020, to provide County staff sufficient time to prepare County facilities for reopening, including appropriate sanitation and signage.

4. The County Administrator is authorized and directed to coordinate implementation of this Order with the Departments of Forestry and Public Works to facilitate lifting the closures, parking and access restrictions directed by Order No. 20-003.

5. Hood River County’s Emergency Declaration under Resolution No. 2323 remains in full force and effect.

6. This Order may be modified, or rescinded, by authority of the Board.

ADOPTED this 29th day of May, 2020.
HOOD RIVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Michael J. Oates, Chair

Karen Joplin, Commissioner

Rich McBride, Commissioner

Robert Benton, Commissioner

Les Perkins, Commissioner