

April 23, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met for a special session on April 23, 2026, in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Libby, Montana. Present were Commissioner Teske and Clerk and Recorder Corrina Brown.

Zoom participation: Commissioner Duram, Andrew Long, Annalee Venneri, Jonathan Busby, Jake Ganieany and Vanessa Cruz.

10:00 AM **FEMA Recovery Scoping Meeting- DR-4901 and DR-4902:** Present were Boyd White, Bradley Hollingsworth, DJ Welch, Ian Reed, Jackson Massey, Jesse Haag, Julio Casanova, Kelsey Schill, Kim Martin, Kyle Cheeseman and Wendy Drake.

Bradley Hollingsworth (FEMA) hosted an online/in-person presentation and discussion on the disaster recovery scope, emphasizing a 60-day window to identify and agree upon damages and finalize a draft Damage Inventory List. He referenced disaster declarations DR-4901 (flood) and DR-4902 (wind).

Vanessa reported that Debris Tech has provided drone footage and debris site data and confirmed the county has a debris contractor in place. Issues include vegetative debris, high-velocity floodwaters and debris accumulation at bridges creating imminent threats. Line-by-line review of damage sites was conducted.

Updates were provided on multiple sites and projects, including Lake Creek Road, Keeler Creek, Ross Creek Bridge, Chase Cutoff, Granite Creek Road, and others. Temporary repairs, permitting status and documentation needs (e.g., environmental studies, engineering evaluations, and Corps of Engineers coordination) were discussed. Potential mitigation opportunities under Section 406 were also noted.

Bradley clarified requirements for documentation, including GPS coordinates for damages over 200 feet (Category C), tracking of debris handling and eligibility considerations under Category I (floodplain management and permitting). Forced account labor and contract tracking for debris operations under DR-4901 were also addressed.

Additional discussion included donated resource tracking, coordination with Flathead County (MOU), contaminated debris handling and required permits and compliance with SHPO and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service guidelines.

Kyle provided the DR-4901 "green sheet" and noted the need for permit documentation and environmental coordination. Kelsey presented on mitigation funding, including cost-effectiveness thresholds and program guidelines.

11:05 AM **Adjourned**

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Brent Teske, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board