

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT FOR USE WITHIN GRANT COUNTY

WHEREAS, Grant County and the cities and town embraced within its boundaries are subject to military attack and other disasters, the damage from which could be greater than any individual political subdivision or municipality could adequately cope with alone, and

WHEREAS, Othello, Adams County, lies in close proximity to the boundaries of Grant County, and it is of mutual benefit to all parties, therefore they shall be considered a part of this agreement,

WHEREAS, It is lawful and in the public interest that a Mutual Aid Agreement providing a method whereby the various municipalities of Grant County agree to furnish medical, fire, transportation, law enforcement, to Grant County and any town or city within its boundaries which may be stricken by a military or natural disaster, and,

WHEREAS, such mutual aid is reasonable and such agreements are permitted under the terms of the Revised Code of Washington Title 38 Chapter 38.52, and,

WHEREAS, requests for and movements of such mutual aid must be coordinated from a central dispatching headquarters with authority to direct such movements, and,

WHEREAS, the Grant County Office of Emergency Services has been established to encompass this work in conformity with RCW 38.52 and the State of Washington Operation Plan of Emergency Services, and,

WHEREAS, it is the mutual advantage of Grant County and the cities, town, and municipalities with 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, under signed, agrees as follows:

(1) Each Party will furnish the Grant County Office of Emergency Services and inventory of its facilities, equipment and manpower available for use in time of military or natural disaster in accordance with specific inventory listings.

(2) When ever any party to this agreement suffers a disaster which requires additional aid beyond that which said party is able to provide for itself, each other part of this agreement, at the request of the stricken party through the Office of Emergency Services, agrees to loan to such stricken party the maximum amount of equipment, facilities and manpower that it can reasonably spare at that time.

(3) The lending party shall be responsible for the delivery of such equipment, facilities and manpower to the stricken area,

(4) Any and all equipment so loaned shall be delivered to locations designated by the Office of Emergency Services and upon arrival at said location 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 RCW 38.52.

(5) All equipment, facilities, and manpower so loaned shall be returned upon demand of the lending party or when released by the receiving party.

(6) The receiving Party assumes responsibility for providing food and shelter of personnel and supplies (gas, oil, etc) for equipment. Each party waives all claims against every other party for compensation for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death occurring as a consequence of the performance of this agreement.

(7) Whenever any party to this agreement loans equipment, facilities, or manpower as provided herein, such lending party may thereupon request implementation of a moveup plan whereby other political subdivisions which are parties to this agreement will move a portion of their corresponding manpower or equipment into the depleted area so as to provide a measure of protection to that area.

(8) Each party to this agreement will provide upon request (for many other party through the County Office of Emergency Services all possible facilities for receiving and caring for evacuees and disabled persons, and all persons so evacuated upon arrival at the receiving area shall be under the control of the party giving aid.

(9) Any party to this agreement may withdraw from the same at any time by giving thirty days written notice to all other parties of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The County of Grant and the municipality undersigned, pursuant to RCW 39.52, have caused this agreement to be signed and attested by the officers shown and the corporate seal of each such county and municipality to hereto affixed, this 15th day of April 1937.

City of Olhella

Signed

Attested

Grant County Board of Commissioners

Signed

F.D. O'Donnell

Don Goodwin

William Frederickson

Attested

Deputy Auditor