

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

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EXTENDING AND REAUTHORIZING
VIDEO AND TELECONFERENCES
IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS UNDER
THE CARES ACT

MARGARET BOTKINS, CLERK
GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-15

**GENERAL ORDER EXTENDING AND REAUTHORIZING VIDEO
OR TELEPHONE FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte* for purposes of reviewing this Court's prior authorizations (See General Orders 20-03, 20-08 and 20-10) to conduct criminal proceedings by video and telephone conferences pursuant to the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act," H.R. 748 (the "CARES Act") and determining whether to extend this authorization for another ninety (90) days. *See* § 15002(b)(3)(A). Based upon the ongoing pandemic and continued COVID-19 infections throughout the United States and here in Wyoming (some at record rates), the continued ability to use video or telephone conferencing for hearing certain criminal matters, as identified in this Court General Order 20-03, is imperative for public safety and minimizing the risk of exposure to the public, detention facilities, defendants, staff and counsel. Thus, the Court finds the March 30, 2020 General Order 20-03, under the CARES-Act, should be extended for an additional ninety (90) days. Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that the purposes and needs for this Court's General Order 20-03 remain and pursuant to Section 15002(b)(3)(A) this General Order is hereby extended for another 90 days, unless terminated earlier.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of December, 2020.



SCOTT W. SKAVDAHL
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE