



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15-15**

**INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE  
GRIZZLY BEAR COMPLEX FIRE IN WALLOWA COUNTY**

Pursuant to my authority as Governor of the State of Oregon, I find that:  
The fire known as the “Grizzly Bear Complex Fire” is burning in Wallowa County.

The ability to protect life and property from the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire has exceeded local resources and capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Paul Karovski, Wallowa County Fire Defense Board Chief. The State Fire Marshal concurs with that request.

In accordance with ORS 476.510-476.610, I have determined that a threat to life, safety and property exists due to a fire known as the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire in Wallowa County and the threat exceeds the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment. Accordingly, I have invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act.

These findings were made at 7:37 pm on August 20, 2015, and I now confirm them with this Executive Order.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

1. The Oregon State Police and the Office of State Fire Marshal shall mobilize fire resources statewide and coordinate with all appropriate Fire Defense Chiefs for the use of personnel and equipment in accordance with the Emergency Conflagration Act to suppress and contain this fire. Resources responding to the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire, burning near the towns of Troy and Flora may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This emergency is declared only for the Grizzly Bear Complex Fire threatening structures in Wallowa County near the towns of Troy and Flora.



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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 7:37 pm the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, and signed this 25 day of August, 2015, in Salem, Oregon.



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KATE BROWN  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Jeanne P. Atkins in black ink.

Jeanne P. Atkins  
SECRETARY OF STATE