



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-02

**DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN OREGON DUE TO
A SEVERE WINTER STORM THAT INCLUDES HEAVY SNOW AND ICE
ACCUMULATION, HIGH WINDS, FLOODING, AND LANDSLIDES.**

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find a potential threat to life, safety, property, and significant damage to infrastructure exists due to severe winter storms occurring statewide that has caused and continues to cause a natural disaster throughout the state. Beginning January 11, 2017, and continuing, these severe storms are causing heavy snow and ice accumulation, high winds, flooding, landslides, and erosion at various locations throughout the state, resulting in critical transportation failures, loss of power and communications capabilities, and evacuations and sheltering needs.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) shall activate the State's Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Coordination Center, and shall coordinate access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by this emergency. OEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures in support of identified disaster areas to protect lives, property, and the environment.
2. OEM shall work with neighboring states where needed to ensure coordinated response and mitigation actions.
3. The Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police, Oregon Public Utility Commission, and Oregon National Guard shall provide any assistance that is deemed necessary to assist in the response to this emergency and to provide all necessary support to statewide response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. All other state agencies shall be prepared to assist as requested by OEM.
4. This state of emergency shall exist for thirty days unless terminated sooner by the governor.



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This order was made by verbal proclamation at 2:51 pm the 11th day of January, 2017, and signed this 25th day of January, 2017.



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Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A green ink signature of Dennis Richardson.

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE