EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 05-08

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR DEER CREEK FIRE IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

Pursuant to my authority as Governor of the State of Oregon, I find that:

A fire known as the “Deer Creek Fire” began in Josephine County on or around August 25, 2005.

The resources necessary for protection of life and property from the Deer Creek Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District Fire 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 the fire known as the Deer Creek Fire in Josephine County and the threat exceeds the fire-fighting capabilities of local fire-fighting personnel and equipment. Accordingly, I have invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act.

These findings were made at 8:45 p.m. on August 25, 2005 and I now confirm them with this Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Office of Homeland Security 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.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Deer Creek Fire in Josephine County

3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 8:45 p.m. on the 25th day of August, 2005 and signed this 29th day of August, 2005, in Salem, Oregon.

Theodore R. Kulongoski
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Bill Bradbury
SECRETARY OF STATE