EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 06-01

DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BENTON, COOS, CLATSOE, COLUMBIA, CROOK, CURRY, DESCHUTES, DOUGLAS, GILLIAM, JACKSON, JEFFERSON, JOSEPHINE, LAKE, LANE, LINCOLN, LINN, MARION, POLK, SHERMAN, TILLAMOOK, WASCO, WASHINGTON, WHEELER AND YAMHILL COUNTIES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER AND FLOODING

Pursuant to ORS 401.055, I find that heavy rains and flooding have created a threat to life, safety and property in Benton, Coos, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill counties. Beginning December 22, 2005, and continuing, heavy rains have caused flooding, landslides, and erosion throughout these counties, resulting in significant damage to the state highway system. Currently, damage to the state highway system in these counties is estimated to be $7,121,398, including damage to federal aid highways.

These findings were made at 10:30 a.m. on January 13, 2006 and I now confirm them with this Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. The Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide appropriate assistance and seek federal resources to effect repair and reconstruction of the federal aid highway system in Benton, Coos, Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, Wheeler and Yamhill Counties.

2. The Office of Homeland Security’s Oregon Emergency Management shall implement the State’s Emergency Operations Plan, and coordinate with state and local agencies impacted by this severe weather event to facilitate any and all damage assessments that may be necessary as a result of this continuing event.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 10:30 a.m. on the 13th day of January, 2006 and signed this 17th day of January, 2006, in Salem, Oregon.

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GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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ATTEST: