



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 08 – 23**

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN  
GILLIAM COUNTY DUE TO DROUGHT AND EXTREME WEATHER  
CONDITIONS**

Pursuant to ORS 401.055, I find that ongoing drought and low water conditions and weather patterns have the potential to cause local adverse natural and economic disaster conditions in Gilliam County. Projected weather patterns are not expected to significantly alleviate these conditions and drought conditions are continuing. These conditions are expected to have significant economic impact on Gilliam County's agricultural, livestock, and natural resources.

Current conditions are being addressed by state agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Water Resources, and Oregon Emergency Management.

A timely response to this situation being vital to the well being and economic security of the citizens and businesses of Gilliam County, I am therefore declaring a "state of drought emergency" in Gilliam County and directing the following activities:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:**

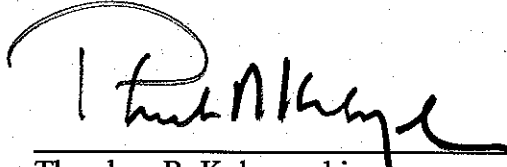
1. The Oregon Department of Agriculture shall coordinate and provide assistance in seeking federal resources available to mitigate conditions and affect agricultural recovery in Gilliam County.
2. The Department of Water Resources shall coordinate and provide assistance and regulation for Gilliam County as it determines is necessary in accordance with ORS 536.700 to 536.780.
3. The Office of Emergency Management shall coordinate and assist as needed with assessment and mitigation activities to address current and projected conditions in Gilliam County.
4. All other departments shall coordinate with the above agencies to provide appropriate essential state resources to assist affected political subdivisions in Gilliam County.



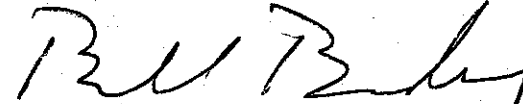
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5. This Executive Order expires on December 31, 2008.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008.

  
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Theodore R. Kulongoski  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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Bill Bradbury  
SECRETARY OF STATE

