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INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE ELK FIRE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

A fire known as the “Elk Fire” is burning in Jefferson County, near the city of Madras, Oregon.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Elk Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Jefferson County Fire Defense Chief. The State Fire Marshal concurs with that request.

In accordance with ORS 476.510 through 476-610, I have determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due the Elk Fire in Jefferson 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 6:00 p.m. on August 22, 2011 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 Elk fire, burning near Madras, may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Elk Fire threatening structures in Jefferson County, and the city of Madras.
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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 6:00 p.m. the 22nd day of August, 2011.

Done at Portland, Oregon this 26th day of August, 2011.

John A. Kitzhaber, MD
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE