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INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE HIGH CASCADES COMPLEX FIRE IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

The fire known as the “High Cascades Complex Fire” is burning in Jefferson County, near the City of Warm Springs, Oregon.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the High Cascades Complex Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Warm Springs Fire 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 to a fire known as the High Cascades Complex 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 8:07 p.m. on August 27, 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 High Cascades Complex Fire, burning near Warm Springs, may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the High Cascades Complex Fire threatening structures in Jefferson County, and the City of Warm Springs.
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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 8:07 p.m. the 27th day of August, 2011.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 1st day of September, 2011.

John A. Kitzhaber, MD
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE