

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11 – 10**

**PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO IMMINENT THREAT OF WILDFIRE**

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that the State of Oregon is in a critical fire danger situation. While the State had a late onset of fire season due to favorable weather in June and July, conditions have changed and extreme burning conditions now exist in northeast and central Oregon where fire danger indicators are significantly above average. High fire danger also exists in southwest Oregon. The extended forecast calls for continued warmer and drier than normal conditions over many parts of the state. The imminent threat of wildfire exists over a broad area of the state including forests in the Cascades and eastern and southern Oregon. In fact, several large fires are currently burning in the state in remote and difficult terrain.

With over 2100 firefighters currently engaged in the effort, there is a need for immediate access to the unique air ambulance services that only the Oregon National Guard can provide due to their night and hoist capabilities. This threat is not likely to recede in the near future. It is critically important that National Guard resources can be positioned to respond adequately and effectively to this dangerous and dynamic situation.

Therefore, subject to the limitations described below, I hereby declare a statewide **State of Emergency** due to the imminent threat of wildfire.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

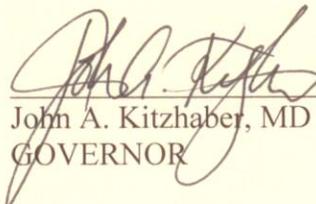
1. The Oregon Military Department through its Office of Emergency Management and the Oregon Department of Forestry is authorized to coordinate the use of personnel and equipment of the State for the performance of air ambulance service with hoist capability to respond immediately in the case of a firefighter injury in remote parts of the state.
2. This determination of a fire emergency is statewide. It is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes. It is limited to the use of state resources and personnel for air ambulance services, extended stand-by, and for the purpose of life saving mission assignments as needed. Any local government requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to the Office of Emergency Management pursuant to ORS Chapter 401.



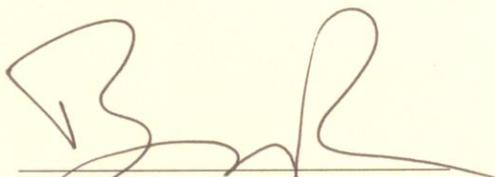
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3. This order shall remain in effect until the threat is significantly relieved or the fire season ends.
4. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 1:17 p.m. on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2011.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
John A. Kitzhaber, MD  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Kate Brown  
SECRETARY OF STATE

