



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-11**

**DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN DOUGLAS AND JOSEPHINE COUNTIES DUE TO EXTREME FIRE**

Pursuant to ORS 476.510 through 476.610, I find that an extreme fire has caused and immediately threatens to cause local adverse natural and economic disaster in conditions in Douglas County. The fire was one of several started through lightning strikes in the area. The conditions have resulted in threats to numerous structures, evacuations of several homes, and broad impacts to timber lands.

The high temperatures and erratic winds caused the fire to grow quickly. Approximately 4000 acres were burned. Professional and volunteer firefighters are to be commended for their fire defense efforts and success in limiting damages and protecting life and property under challenging conditions.

The conditions resulting from the Douglas Complex Fire threaten significant economic loss to Douglas County, as well as to the county's agricultural and natural resource land bases.

A timely response to this situation is vital to the well being and economic security of the citizens and businesses in the region. I am therefore declaring a state of emergency in Douglas County and direct the following activities:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:**

1. The Oregon State Fire Marshal shall activate an Incident Management Team to deploy Command and General Staff elements to the fire
2. The Oregon State Fire Marshal shall activate all necessary Task Forces to assist with containment
3. All other departments are directed to coordinate with the above agency and to provide appropriate state resources as determined essential to assist affected political subdivisions in Douglas County

This emergency is declared only for Douglas County and expires on December 31, 2013

These findings were made verbally on July 27, 2013 at 7:09 p.m.



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**FURTHERMORE**

The conditions that exist in Douglas County listed above are also present in Josephine County. The Douglas Complex Fire has spread into Josephine County and threatens several thousand acres, as well as structures, natural resources, and agricultural assets.

**IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:**

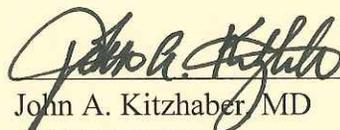
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2. The Oregon State Fire Marshal shall activate all necessary Task Forces to assist with containment
3. All other departments are directed to coordinate with the above agency and to provide appropriate state resources as determined essential to assist affected political subdivisions in Josephine County

This emergency is declared only for Josephine County and expires on December 31, 2013

These findings were made verbally on July 29, 2013 at 12:43 p.m.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 27 day of August, 2013.



  
John A. Kitzhaber, MD  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
Kate Brown  
SECRETARY OF STATE