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DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN GRANT COUNTY 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 Grant County. The fire known as the “Grouse Mountain Complex Fire” is burning in Grant County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Grouse Mountain Complex Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the John Day 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 Grouse Mountain Complex Fire in Grant 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 10:26 p.m. on August 8, 2013, and I now confirm them with this Executive Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

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 Grouse Mountain Complex Fire, burning near John Day may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Grouse Mountain Complex Fire threatening structures in Grant County and the city of John Day.


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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 10:26 p.m. the 8th day of August, 2013.

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

John A. Kitzhaber, MD
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE