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DETERMINATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN WASCO AND HOOD RIVER 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 Wasco and Hood River Counties. The fire known as the “Government Flat Complex Fire” is burning in Wasco and Hood River Counties.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Government Flat Complex Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Wasco County Fire Defense Board 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 Government Flat Complex Fire in Wasco and Hood River Counties 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 7:36 p.m. on August 17, 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 Government Flat Complex Fire, burning near The Dalles may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Government Flat Complex Fire threatening structures in Wasco and Hood River Counties and the city of The Dalles.
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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 7:36 p.m. the 17th day of August, 2013.

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

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John A. Kitzhaber, MD
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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Kate Brown
SECRETARY OF STATE