



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15-13

**INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE
CORNET AND WINDY RIDGE FIRES IN BAKER COUNTY**

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

The fires known as the "Cornet Fire" and the "Windy Ridge Fire" are burning in Baker County.

The ability to protect life and property from the Cornet and Windy Ridge Fires has exceeded local resources and capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Jerry Hampton, Baker County Fire Defense Board Chief. The State Fire Marshal concurs with that request.

In accordance with ORS 476.510-476.610, I have determined that a threat to life, safety and property exists due to the fires known as the Cornet Fire and Windy Ridge Fire in Baker County, which have combined to be known as the Cornet-Windy Ridge Fire 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 for the Cornet Fire at 3:28 am on August 13, 2015, and for the Windy Ridge Fire at 6:15 pm on August 13, 2015, 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 Cornet-Windy Ridge Fire, burning near the towns of Sumpter and Powder River may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This emergency is declared only for the Cornet-Windy Ridge Fire threatening structures in Baker County near the towns of Sumpter and Powder River.



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 15 - 13
PAGE TWO

3. These orders were made by verbal proclamations at 3:28 am and 6:15 pm the 13th day of August, 2015, and signed this 25 day of August, 2015, in Salem, Oregon.



KATE BROWN
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jeanne P. Atkins
SECRETARY OF STATE