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INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE WASSEN POND FIRE IN WASCO COUNTY

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

The fire known as the "Wassen Pond Fire" is burning in Wasco County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Wassen Pond Fire is beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Robert Palmer, Wasco 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 a fire known as the Wassen Pond Fire in Wasco 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 11:00 a.m. on July 4, 2016 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 Wassen Pond Fire, burning near The Dalles may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Wassen Pond Fire threatening structures in Wasco County near the city of The Dalles.
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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 11:00 a.m. the 4th day of July, 2016, and signed this 16th day of November, 2016, in Salem, Oregon.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Jeanne P. Atkins
SECRETARY OF STATE