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DIRECTING STATE AGENCIES TO CONTINUE PLANNING AND RESPONSE ACTIVITIES FOR THE SOLAR ECLIPSE, TO ENSURE A SAFE AND MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS TO AND RESIDENTS OF OREGON.

On August 21, 2017, Oregon will be a part of the Path of Totality for a total solar eclipse. The eclipse passes across the entire State, from Lincoln Beach to Huntington. The rare and unique opportunity to view a total solar eclipse means a large influx of visitors to our State, as well as travelers from inside the State. For more than a year, my office and state agencies have worked with local governments to plan for the anticipated impacts to our State, especially our rural areas. The ongoing work by state agencies will allow their resources to assume a forward-leaning posture to prevent or eliminate situations that may cause threats to lives, property, or the environment, by planning for ways to mitigate issues that may prevent viewers of the eclipse from having a positive, safe, and memorable experience.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. All state agencies are directed to continue to coordinate with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), which shall activate the State’s Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Coordination Center, and which shall coordinate the implementation of specific Emergency Support Function plans. OEM shall have access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by viewers of the eclipse.

2. OEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures by state agencies in support of areas within and adjacent to the eclipse’s Path of Totality to ensure a safe and enjoyable opportunity to view the eclipse for all. OEM shall work with neighboring states and federal partners where needed to ensure coordination, to include the utilization of interstate mutual aid as appropriate.

3. OEM shall work with state agencies now to determine what, if any, gaps in services exist at the state or local level, and how to mitigate those gaps including, if necessary, a temporary suspension of rules.

4. The Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police, Oregon Public Utility Commission, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon
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Department of Energy, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Oregon Health Authority, and Oregon Military Department shall provide any assistance that is deemed necessary to assist leading up to, during, and immediately following this event and to provide all necessary support to statewide response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. All other state agencies shall be prepared to assist as requested by OEM.

5. This order shall expire after August 24, 2017, unless terminated sooner by the governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon this 8th day of August, 2017.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE