



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 17-15**

**PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO IMMINENT THREAT OF WILDFIRE**

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that the State of Oregon is in a critical fire danger situation. Much of the State is now in extreme fire danger and red flag warnings have been issued for hot, dry, windy conditions and thunderstorms. We have experienced wildfires this season that resulted in evacuations and threatened critical infrastructure and structures. Other parts of the country, including our neighboring states such as Washington, California, and Idaho, continue to experience similar fires and weather. The extended forecast in Oregon calls for continued warm and dry conditions, resulting in imminent threat of fire over a broad area of the State.

The Oregon Department of Forestry is heavily engaged in initial and extended attack and National Interagency Teams are currently deployed in Oregon. Regional compacts are also being utilized for the deployment of specific wildland fire resources to Oregon. New and existing fire threats elevate the need for immediate access to state resources including firefighting helicopters. This threat is not likely to recede in the near future. It is critically important that National Guard resources be positioned to expedite requested resources and respond effectively to these dangerous and dynamic conditions.

Therefore, subject to the limitations described below, I hereby declare a statewide **State of Emergency** due to the imminent threat of wildfire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

1. A State of Emergency is declared.
2. All agencies of state government, including the Oregon National Guard, will utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for any and all activities as requested by the Oregon Department of Forestry and coordinated by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management. The Oregon National Guard will deploy and redeploy firefighting resource assets as needed throughout the remainder of the fire season based upon threat and resource shortfalls. All citizens are implored to heed the advice of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
3. This determination of a wildfire emergency is statewide. It is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes. It is limited to the use of state resources and personnel for fire management required by the emergency. Any local government requests for



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state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to the Office of Emergency Management pursuant to ORS Chapter 401.

4. This order shall remain in effect until the threat is significantly relieved or the fire season ends, as determined by the Governor. This order shall expire on November 1, 2017, unless otherwise ordered by the Governor.
5. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 12:27 pm on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of August, 2017.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.



Kate Brown  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson  
SECRETARY OF STATE