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INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE CHETCO BAR FIRE IN CURRY COUNTY

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

The fire known as the “Chetco Bar Fire” is burning in Curry County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Chetco Bar Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Lang Johnson, Curry County Fire Defense Board Chief. The State Fire Marshal concurs with that request.

In accordance with ORS 476.510 et seq., I have determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to a fire known as the Chetco Bar Fire in Curry 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 12:26 a.m. on August 20, 2017, 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 Chetco Bar Fire, burning near the town of Brookings may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Chetco Bar Fire threatening structures in Curry County near the town of Brookings.
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3. This order shall remain in effect for as long as the Office of State Fire Marshal believes resources should be deployed. It shall expire by October 1, 2017, unless otherwise extended by the Governor.

4. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 12:26 a.m. the 20th day of August, 2017, and signed this 12th day of September, 2017, in Salem, Oregon.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 18th day of September, 2017.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE