EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-15

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE GARNER COMPLEX FIRE IN JACKSON AND JOSEPHINE COUNTIES

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

The fire known as the “Garner Complex Fire” is burning in Jackson and Josephine Counties.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Garner Complex Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Lang Johnson, Jackson 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 Garner Complex Fire in Jackson and Josephine Counties 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 5:50 a.m. on July 21, 2018 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 Garner Complex Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Garner Complex Fire threatening structures in Jackson and Josephine Counties.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 5:50 a.m. the 21st day of July 2018 and signed this 26th day of July, 2018, in Salem, Oregon.

4. This order will remain in effect until the Office of State Fire Marshal has demobilized all OSFM resources off this incident.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 26th day of July, 2018.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE