# Office of the Governor State of Oregon



#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-22**

## INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE STUBBLEFIELD AND OTHER FIRES IN GILLIAM AND WHEELER COUNTIES

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

The fire known as the "Stubblefield Fire" is burning in Gilliam County, and a weather event started several other fires in Gilliam County and Wheeler County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Stubblefield Fire and other fires in Gilliam and Wheeler Counties are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Fire Chief Hinton and Gilliam County Fire Defense Board Chief Goff. 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 Stubblefield Fire, and other fires in Gilliam and Wheeler Counties, and that the threat exceeds the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment. Accordingly, I have invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act.

The findings related to the Stubblefield Fire were made at 2:58 p.m. on August 17, 2018. The findings related to the additional fires in Gilliam and Wheeler Counties were made at 8:07 p.m. on August 19, 2018. I now confirm those findings 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 Board Chiefs for the use of personnel and equipment in accordance with the Emergency Conflagration Act to suppress and contain these fires.

  Resources responding to the Stubblefield Fire may be redistributed to other fires burning in Gilliam and Wheeler Counties by the State Fire Marshal.
- 2. This emergency is declared for the Stubblefield Fire and other fires threatening structures in Gilliam and Wheeler Counties.

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- 3. The order regarding the Stubblefield Fire was made by verbal proclamation at 2:58 p.m. the 17th day of August 2018, and that order was extended to other fires in Gilliam and Wheeler Counties at 8:07 p.m. the 19th day of August 2018. The order, as extended, is signed this day of August, 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 day of August, 2018.



Kate Brown GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE