EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-23

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE RAMSEY CANYON FIRE IN JACKSON COUNTY

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

The fire known as the “Ramsey Canyon Fire” is burning in Jackson County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Ramsey Canyon Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Jackson County Fire Defense Board Chief Hoke. 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 Ramsey Canyon Fire in Jackson 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 8:08 p.m. on August 22, 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 Board Chiefs for the use of personnel and equipment in accordance with the Emergency Conflagration Act to suppress and contain this fire. Resources responding to Ramsey Canyon Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This emergency is declared only for the Ramsey Canyon Fire threatening structures near the towns of Gold Hill and Sams Valley in Jackson County.

3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 8:08 p.m. the 22nd day of August 2018 and signed this 24th day of August, 2018, in Salem, Oregon.
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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 24th day of August, 2018.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Dennis Richardson
SECRETARY OF STATE