EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-01

DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN UMATILLA, UNION AND WALLOWA COUNTIES DUE TO A SEVERE STORM THAT INCLUDES HEAVY RAIN, SNOWMELT, FLOODING, AND LANDSLIDES.

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find a potential threat to life, safety, property, and significant damage to infrastructure exists due to severe storms that have caused and continue to cause a disaster throughout the state. Beginning February 6, 2020, and continuing, these severe storms are causing flooding, increased snowmelt, landslides, and erosion at various locations throughout Northeast Oregon, resulting in persons needing rescue, damage to homes, critical transportation failures, loss of power and communications capabilities, and emergency mass care needs.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) shall activate the State’s Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Coordination Center, and shall coordinate access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by this emergency. OEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures in support of identified disaster areas to protect lives, property, and the environment.

2. OEM shall work with neighboring states where needed to ensure coordinated response and mitigation actions.

3. The Oregon National Guard, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon State Police, Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Department of Human Services, and Oregon Health Authority provide any assistance that is deemed necessary to assist in the response to this emergency and to provide all necessary support to statewide response, recovery, and mitigation efforts. All other state agencies shall be prepared to assist as requested by OEM.

4. The Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide appropriate assistance and seek federal resources to effect repair and reconstruction of damage and impacts to the federal highway system in above identified jurisdictions.

5. This state of emergency shall exist for thirty days unless terminated sooner by the governor.
This order was made by verbal proclamation at 1:05 PM this 7th day of February, 2020 and signed this 1st day of February, 2020 in Salem, Oregon.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

Bev Clarno
SECRETARY OF STATE