EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-34

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE MOSIER CREEK FIRE IN WASCO COUNTY

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

The fire known as the “Mosier Creek Fire” is burning in Wasco County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Mosier Creek Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Fire Chief Robert Palmer and the Fire Defense Board Chief for Wasco County. 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 Mosier Creek Fire in Wasco 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 6:20 p.m. on August 12, 2020, 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 Mosier Creek Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This conflagration is declared only for the Mosier Creek Fire threatening structures in Wasco County.
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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 6:20 p.m. the 12th day of August 2020 and signed this 14th day of August, 2020, 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 14th day of August, 2020.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Bev Clarno
SECRETARY OF STATE