



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-36

**INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE
WHITE RIVER FIRE IN WASCO COUNTY**

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

The fire known as the “White River Fire” is burning in Wasco County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the White River Fire is beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by Wasco County Fire Defense Board Chief Palmer and the State Fire Marshal concurs with that request.

In accordance with ORS 476.510-476-610, I have determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to a fire known as the White River 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 a.m. on August 28, 2020 with Office of State Fire Marshal 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 White River Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the White River Fire threatening structures near the town of Pine Grove in Wasco County.



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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 6:20 a.m. the 28th day of August 2020 and signed this 31st day of August 2020, in Salem, Oregon.
4. This order is in effect as of this date and until which time the Office of State Fire Marshal has demobilized all OSFM resources off this incident.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 31st day of August, 2020.

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Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bev Clarno".

Bev Clarno
SECRETARY OF STATE

