



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-41

**INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT STATEWIDE
IN LIGHT OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER FROM HOT, DRY, WINDY
CONDITIONS**

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

The State of Oregon is currently experiencing multiple large fires and heightened danger of new significant fires due to hot, dry conditions and extremely high winds.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the multiple fires currently burning and anticipated new fires are currently and are expected to continue to be beyond local capabilities. In addition, because of multiple fires burning simultaneously, local areas may experience a significant reduction in available firefighting resources. In this situation, statewide coordination is necessary to ensure efficient deployment of available firefighting resources. The State Fire Marshal concurs with this assessment.

I have previously issued a number of incident-specific executive orders invoking the emergency conflagration act, and will continue to do so, as necessary. In Executive Order 20-35, I also declared an emergency pursuant to ORS 401.165 et seq. due to imminent threat of wildfire, and that declaration authorizes the mobilization of state resources, among other actions, to fight fire. However, the wildfire threat facing Oregon is unprecedented. Many of Oregon's critical firefighting resources are local entities, the threat of fire is rapidly escalating, statewide coordination of all resources is necessary at this time, and officials need additional flexibility to deploy and redeploy resources, beyond areas with an active fire.

Thus, in accordance with the Emergency Conflagration Act, ORS 476.510-476.610, I have determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to the conditions described above, and the threat exceeds the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment. Accordingly, I have invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act statewide.

These findings were made at 4:00 p.m. on September 8, 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



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Board Chiefs for the use of personnel and equipment in accordance with the Emergency Conflagration Act to suppress and contain fires in the State of Oregon. Resources responding to all fires currently burning in the State of Oregon may be redistributed anywhere in the state, as deemed necessary by the State Fire Marshal.

2. This conflagration is declared statewide, so that resources can be deployed anywhere in the state, as necessary, with the approval of the State Fire Marshal for responding to any and all wildfires threatening life and property in the State of Oregon.
3. Pursuant to this Executive Order and Executive Order 20-35's declaration of a statewide wildfire state of emergency, and pursuant to the Governor's emergency powers set forth in ORS chapter 401, I will issue additional directives, as necessary, for responding to the statewide wildfire emergency.
4. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 4:00 p.m. the 8th day of September 2020 and signed this 9th day of September, 2020, in Salem, Oregon.
5. This order shall remain in effect until November 1, 2020, or until the threat is significantly relieved or the fire season ends, as determined by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 9th day of September, 2020.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Bev Clarno
SECRETARY OF STATE

