



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-17

PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO IMMINENT THREAT OF WILDFIRE

Pursuant to ORS 401.165 *et seq.*, I find that the State of Oregon is in a critical fire danger situation. Much of the state is now in extreme fire danger. Excessive heat and red flag warnings have been issued for hot, dry, windy conditions and dry thunderstorms. We have experienced wildfires this season that resulted in evacuations, threatened critical infrastructure, homes and other structures. Our neighboring states of Washington, California, Nevada and Idaho, continue to experience similar fires and weather. The extended forecast in Oregon calls for continued warm and dry conditions, resulting in imminent threat of fire over a broad area of the State.

The Oregon Department of Forestry and Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal are engaged in initial and extended wildfire attack across the state. New and existing fire threats elevate the need to prepare for access to state resources including firefighting aircraft and access to out of state resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. This threat is anticipated to carry throughout the entire fire season. It is critically important that National Guard resources be prepared to expedite requested resources and respond effectively to these dangerous and dynamic conditions, if requested.

Therefore, I hereby declare a statewide **State of Emergency** due to the imminent and ongoing threat of wildfire.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. All agencies of the state government will utilize and employ state personnel, equipment and facilities for any and all activities as requested by the Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal and coordinated by the Oregon Office of Emergency Management to respond to or mitigate the effects of the wildfire emergency. The Oregon National Guard will deploy and redeploy firefighting resources as needed and in accordance with Operations Agreement Smokey 2021 throughout the remainder of the fire season based upon threat and resource shortfalls. All citizens are to heed the advice of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.



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2. This determination of a wildfire emergency is statewide. It is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes. It is limited to the use of state resources and personnel for fire management required by the emergency, to request assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact if needed, and to allow state agencies to suspend provisions of any order or rule of the agency if strict compliance with the provisions of the order or rule would in any way prevent, hinder or delay mitigating the effects of the wildfire emergency. Any local government requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to the Office of Emergency Management pursuant to ORS Chapter 401.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 10:15 AM on the 29th Day of June, 2021.
4. This order shall remain in effect until the earlier of November 1, 2021, or the date when the threat is significantly relieved or the fire season ends, as determined by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 30th day of June, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brown".

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shemia Fagan".

Shemia Fagan
SECRETARY OF STATE

