

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-24

**INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE
ELBOW CREEK FIRE IN WALLOWA COUNTY**

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

The fire known as the “Elbow Creek Fire” is burning in Wallowa County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Elbow Creek Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Wallowa County Fire Defense Board Chief and the State Fire Marshal concurs with that request.

In accordance with ORS 476.510-610, I have determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to the fire known as the Elbow Creek Fire in Wallowa 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 4:26 pm on July 16, 2021, with the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and I now confirm them with this Executive Order. The Office of the State Fire Marshal Blue Incident Management Team will be briefed at 5:00 pm on July 17, 2021, and will be entering into a unified command with an Oregon Department of Forestry Incident Management Team immediately thereafter.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

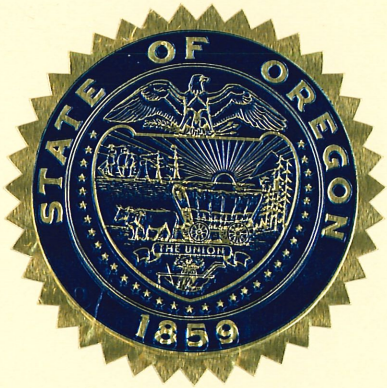
1. The Oregon State Police and the Office of State Fire Marshal shall mobilize fire resources statewide and coordinate with all appropriate Fire Defense Board Chiefs for the use of personnel and equipment in accordance with the Emergency Conflagration Act to suppress and contain this fire. Resources responding to the Elbow Creek Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Elbow Creek Fire threatening structures in Wallowa County.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 4:26 pm on the 16th day of July 2021, and signed this 17th day of July 2021, in Salem, Oregon.



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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 17th day of July, 2021.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE