



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23-16**

**INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE  
GOLDEN FIRE IN KLAMATH COUNTY**

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

The fire known as the “Golden Fire” is burning in Klamath County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Golden Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Klamath County Fire Defense Board Chief, 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 the fire known as the Golden Fire in Klamath 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 6:32 p.m. on July 22, 2023. The Oregon State Fire Marshal is mobilizing resources and the Blue Incident Mnaagement Team to the command of the local Fire Defense Board Chief for the Golden Fire. I now confirm these findings with this Executive Order.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:**

1. The Oregon 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 Golden Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Golden Fire threatening structures in Klamath County.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 6:32 p.m. on July 22, 2023, and signed on July 27, 2023, in Salem, Oregon.



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4. This order is in effect as of this date and until which time the Oregon State Fire Marshal has demobilized all OSFM resources off this incident.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 27th day of July 2023.



Handwritten signature of Tina Kotek in black ink.

Tina Kotek  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of LaVonne Griffin-Valade in blue ink.

LaVonne Griffin-Valade  
SECRETARY OF STATE