



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23-21

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR PORTIONS OF THE SMITH RIVER COMPLEX IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

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

The fires that threaten communities within the “Smith River Complex” are burning in Josephine County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from fires near communities within the Smith River Complex are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Josephine 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 fires within the Smith River Complex in Josephine 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 4:55 p.m. on August 28, 2023. The Oregon State Fire Marshal is mobilizing resources to the command of the local Fire Defense Board Chief for the fires near communities within the Smith River Complex. The Blue Incident Management Team will enter into unified command on the Smith River Complex. 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 threatening communities within the Smith River Complex may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the fires within the Smith River Complex threatening structures in Josephine County.



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3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 4:55 p.m. on August 28, 2023, and signed on September 5, 2023, 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 5th day of September, 2023.

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
SECRETARY OF STATE