

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23-24

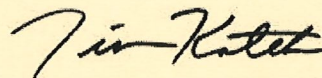
DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN HARNEY, AND MALHEUR DUE TO A SEVERE STORM THAT INCLUDES FLOODING, AND LANDSLIDES

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that a threat to life, safety, property, and significant damage to the state roads on the federal-aid highway system was caused by severe storms and have caused disaster conditions in Harney, and Malheur counties. Beginning June 11, 2023, and continuing through June 19, 2023, these severe storms have resulted in heavy rain, flooding, and landslides within these counties leading to critical transportation failures and disruption to energy and communications infrastructure. The storm system damage was so severe it resulted in the closure of Highway 20 completely for five days due to scour, washouts, debris flows and mudslides which required significant efforts to cleanup and repair damage.

IT IS ORDERED AND DIRECTED:

1. Pursuant to ORS 401.165, and based on the facts described above, an emergency has occurred, and a state of emergency is declared for the above-listed counties from June 11, 2023, and continuing through June 19, 2023.
2. The Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide appropriate assistance and seek federal resources to effect repair and reconstruction of \$1.2 million dollars or more in damages and impact to the federal aid highway system in the above-listed counties.
3. This declaration is limited to the above-listed counties. It is limited to the provision of assistance by the Oregon Department of Transportation to repair and reconstruct eligible roadways that are part of the federal highway aid system in the above-listed counties. This declaration is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 31st day of October, 2023.



Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LaVonne Griffin-Valade
SECRETARY OF STATE