

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-12

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE COW VALLEY FIRE IN MALHEUR COUNTY

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

The fire known as the "Cow Valley Fire" is burning in Malheur County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Cow Valley Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Malheur Fire Defense Board 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 Cow Valley Fire in Malheur 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 8:34 am on July 12, 2024, with the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will be entering into unified command with Northwest Team 6. The Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will be briefed at 11:00 am on July 13, 2024, and I now confirm them with this Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Department of the 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 Cow Valley Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Cow Valley Fire threatening structures in Malheur County.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 8:34 am on the 12th day of July 2024, and signed this 12th day of July 2024, in Salem, Oregon.



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

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 12th day of July, 2024.



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Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "LaVonne Griffin-Valade".

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
SECRETARY OF STATE