

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-18

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE DURKEE FIRE IN BAKER COUNTY

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

The fire known as the "Durkee Fire" is burning in Baker County. The Durkee Fire is now combined with Cow Valley Fire burning in Malheur County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Durkee Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Baker 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 Durkee Fire in Baker 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 11:13 a.m. on July 20, 2024, with the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the team will be working with the resources at Cow Valley Fire in Malheur County. 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 Durkee Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Durkee Fire threatening structures in Baker County.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 11:13 am on the 20th day of July 2024, and signed this 22nd 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 22nd 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