

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-24

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE RAIL RIDGE FIRE IN CROOK AND GRANT COUNTIES

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

The fire known as the “Rail Ridge Fire” is burning in Crook and Grant counties.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Rail Ridge Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Grant County 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 Rail Ridge Fire in Crook and Grant counties 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 10:47 am on September 6, 2024, with the Department of the State Fire Marshal. The Oregon State Fire Marshal Blue Incident Management Team will be entering into unified command with the California Team 10. The Oregon State Fire Marshal Blue Incident Management Team will be briefed at 5:30 pm on September 6, 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 Rail Ridge Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Rail Ridge Fire threatening structures in Crook and Grant counties.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 10:47 am on the 6th day of September 2024 and signed this 7th day of September 2024, in Salem, Oregon.

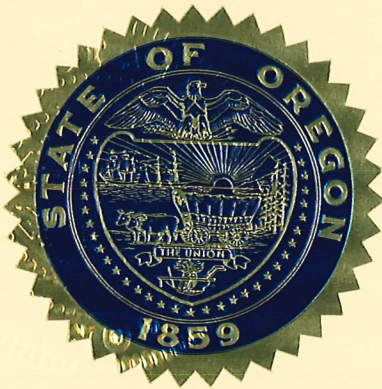


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4. This order is in effect as of this date and until which time the Department of the State Fire Marshal has demobilized all OSFM resources off this incident.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 7th day of September, 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