

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-15

**INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE
LOWER DRY CREEK FIRE IN UMATILLA COUNTY**

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

The fire known as the "Lower Dry Creek Fire" is burning in Umatilla County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Lower Dry Creek Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Umatilla County Fire Defense Board Chief and the State Fire Marshal who 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 Lower Dry Creek Fire in Umatilla 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 9:48 p.m. on July 15, 2026, with the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will take command on July 16, 2026. The Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will be briefed at 6:30 a.m. on July 16, 2026, 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 Lower Dry Creek Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Lower Dry Creek Fire threatening structures in Umatilla counties.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 9:48 pm on the 15th day of July 2026 and signed this 16th day of July 2026, 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 16th day of July, 2026.



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Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tobias J. Read".

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE