



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-17

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE AKAWA AND BREWER FIRES IN DESCHUTES AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES

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

The fires known as the “Akawa Butte and Brewer fires” are burning in Deschutes and Jefferson counties.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Akawa Butte and Brewer fires are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Central Oregon Fire Defense Board Chiefs 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 Akawa Butte and Brewer fires in Deschutes and Jefferson 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 9:38 a.m. on July 18, 2026, with the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will enter unified command with the Oregon Department of Forestry’s Team 2 at 6:00 a.m. on July 19, 2026. The Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team was briefed on July 18, 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 Akawa Butte and Brewer fires may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Akawa Butte and Brewer fires threatening structures in Deschutes and Jefferson counties.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 9:38 am on the 18th day of July 2026 and signed this 20th 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 20th 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