

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-19

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE MARKS CREEK AREA OF THE CROSSWHITE WEST FIRE IN CROOK AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES

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

The fire known as the "Crosswhite West Fire" is burning in Crook and Jefferson counties.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Crosswhite West Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection for the Marks Creek area was requested by the Central Oregon Fire Defense Board Chief and Crook County Commissioner 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 Crosswhite West Fire in Crook 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 5:19 pm on July 24, 2026, with the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will be briefed and enter unified command with the Oregon Department of Forestry Team 3 at 8 pm on July 24, 2026. 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 Crosswhite West Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Crosswhite West Fire threatening structures in Crook and Jefferson counties.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 5:19 pm on the 24th day of July 2026 and signed this 25th 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 25th day of July, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tina Kotek".

Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE

