

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26-21

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE BENCH AND BEACHCOMB FIRES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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

The fire known as the “Bench and Beachcomb Fires” is burning in Jefferson County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from the Bench and Beachcomb Fires are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Jefferson County Fire Defense Board Chief 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 Bench and Beachcomb Fires in Jefferson 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 11:37 pm on July 25, 2026, with the Department of the State Fire Marshal, the Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will enter unified command with Central West Zone Type 3 Incident Management Team on July 26, 2026. The Oregon State Fire Marshal Red Incident Management Team will be briefed on July 26, 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 Bench and Beachcomb Fires may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Bench and Beachcomb Fires threatening structures in Jefferson County.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 11:37 pm on the 25th day of July 2026 and signed this 26th 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 26th day of July, 2026.



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Tina Kotek
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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

Tobias Read
SECRETARY OF STATE