

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22-16

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCY CONFLAGRATION ACT FOR THE RUM CREEK FIRE IN JOSEPHINE COUNTY

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

The fire known as the "Rum Creek Fire" is burning in Josephine County.

The resources necessary for protecting life and property from Rum Creek Fire are beyond local capabilities. Assistance with life, safety, and structural fire protection was requested by the Josephine 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 Rum Creek Fire in Josephine 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 10:51 p.m. on August 26, 2022. The Office of State Fire Marshal Blue Incident Management Team takes unified command on August 27, 2022. Local mutual aid is currently on the scene. The Office of State Fire Marshal Blue Incident Management Team is mobilizing and will be briefed at 4:00 p.m. on August 27, 2022, with transfer to unified command with PNW Team 13 and ODF Team 1 after. I now confirm these findings with this Executive Order.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon State Police and the Office of 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 Rum Creek Fire may be redistributed by the State Fire Marshal.
2. This conflagration is declared only for the Rum Creek Fire threatening structures in Josephine County.
3. This order was made by verbal proclamation at 10:51 p.m. on the 26th day of August 2022, and signed this 27th day of August 2022, in Salem, Oregon.



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

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 27th day of August, 2022.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE