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Governor Kitzhaber Declares Emergency Conflagration Act in Response to 36 Pit Fire

(Portland, OR) — Governor Kitzhaber invoked the Emergency Conflagration Act today in response to the 36 Pit Fire burning near Estacada. The fire threatens 168 homes.

"The smoke in the Willamette Valley and the continuing hot temperatures are sobering reminders that wildfire season continues to affect Oregonians directly," said Governor Kitzhaber. "This declaration allows us to deploy more resources to battle this fire to help residents and firefighters."

In accordance with ORS 476.510-476.610, Governor Kitzhaber determined that a threat to life, safety, and property exists due to the fire and that the threat exceeds the firefighting capabilities of local firefighting personnel and equipment.

The Governor's declaration authorizes the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal to mobilize structural firefighters and equipment to assist local resources battling the fire.

The emergency was declared for the 36 Pit Fire only and is effective immediately.

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