

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 24-13

### PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO IMMINENT THREAT OF WILDFIRE

Pursuant to ORS 401.165 *et seq.*, I find that the State of Oregon is in a critical fire danger situation threatening life, safety, and property due to extreme high temperatures. We have experienced wildfires this season that resulted in two state Conflagration declarations and federal Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) declarations, several community evacuations, threatened and damaged structures and critical infrastructure. Our neighboring states of California, Idaho and Washington continue to experience similar fires and weather. The extended climate forecast in Oregon calls for continued warm and dry conditions, resulting in imminent threat of fire over a broad area of the state.

The Oregon State Fire Marshal, Oregon Department of Forestry, and Oregon Fire Mutual Aid System are heavily engaged in initial and extended wildfire attacks with multiple incident management teams currently deployed throughout Oregon. Projected weather and new and existing fire threats elevate the need for access to state resources, including ground support and fire-fighting aircraft. This threat is not likely to recede in the near future. It is critically important that state resources, to include the Oregon National Guard, be prepared to expedite requested resources and respond effectively to these dangerous and dynamic conditions, if requested.

Therefore, beginning on July 12, 2024, and continuing through October 1, 2024 I hereby declare a statewide **State of Emergency** due to the imminent and ongoing threat of wildfire.

### NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Department of Emergency Management (OEM) shall support access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by this emergency and to meet requests by the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Department of State Fire Marshal and/or county and tribal emergency management to support response needs to respond to, or mitigate the effects of, the wildfire emergency as described in the state's Emergency Operations Plan. All Oregonians are to heed the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.





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2. The Oregon National Guard will deploy, and redeploy, firefighting resources as needed and in accordance with Operations Plan Smokey 2024 throughout the remainder of fire season based upon threat and resource shortfalls. All citizens are to heed the advice of emergency officials regarding this emergency to protect their safety.
3. This determination of a wildfire emergency is statewide. It is not to be construed as a comprehensive declaration or proclamation of emergency for other purposes. It is limited to the use of state resources and personnel required by this emergency, to request assistance through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact if needed, and to allow state agencies to suspend provision of any order or rule of the agency if strict compliance with the provisions of the order or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay mitigating the effects of the emergency. Any local government requests for state resources must be submitted through county governing bodies to OEM pursuant to ORS 401.
4. Persons who believe they have been subjected to unconscionably excessive prices for essential consumer goods due to this emergency are requested to report violations to the Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection Services, which has the authority to investigate unlawful trade practices.

This emergency is effective as of 8:00 a.m. on July 12, 2024, shall exist until 11:59 p.m. on October 1, 2024, unless extended or terminated sooner by the Governor.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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Tina Kotek  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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LaVonne Griffin-Valade  
SECRETARY OF STATE