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## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Wildland Fire Management

WHEREAS, the danger from wildland fires is extremely high throughout the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, current below-normal precipitation in southern Utah contributed to the early drying of wildland vegetation; and

WHEREAS, some of the areas are extremely remote and inaccessible and the situation has the potential to greatly worsen if left unattended;

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to suppress the fire conditions and mitigate potential post-burn destruction. This destruction can lead to mudslides and flash floods causing dangerous conditions for life safety, property, natural resources and the environment.;

WHEREAS, these conditions do create a disaster emergency within the intent of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act 1988;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah by virtue of the power vested in my by the constitution and the laws of the State of Utah, do hereby order that;

It is found, determined and declared that a "State of Emergency" exists statewide due to the threat to public safety, property, natural resources and the environment for thirty days, effective as of May 12, 2014, requiring aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to the provisions of state statutes, and the State Emergency Operations Plan, which is hereby activated.

IN TESTIMONY, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 10th day of May 2014.

(State Seal)

Gary R. Herbert Governor

ATTEST:

Spencer J. Cox

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