

# Executive Document

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## **Governor, Administration: Wildland Fire Management, Utah Exec. Order No. 2015-3**

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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 central and 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 will be required to suppress fires and mitigate post-burn flash floods to protect public safety, property, natural resources and the environment should these dangerous conditions escalate to active wildfires;

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 the potential for a disaster emergency within the scope of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act of 1981,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah by virtue of the power vested in me 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, critical infrastructure, natural resources and the environment for thirty days, effective as of May 28, 2015 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 here unto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah this 29th day of May 2015.

(State Seal)

Gary R. Herbert

Governor

ATTEST:

Lieutenant Governor  
Spencer J. Cox

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