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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Wildland Fire Management

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

WHEREAS, Winter and Spring precipitation in Utah contributed to high fuel loads of wildland vegetation; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a Red Flag Warning throughout the State of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the Utah State Forester, has issued a Fire Restriction Order for Davis, Morgan, Salt Lake, Tooele, and Utah Counties; and

WHEREAS, there are several fires burning throughout the State; and

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

WHEREAS, immediate action is 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; and

WHEREAS, these conditions 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. This State of Emergency is declared and effective for the month of August 2017, and requires the 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 1st day of August 2017.

(State Seal)

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

Attest:

Spencer J. Cox
Lieutenant Governor

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