

# Executive Document

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## **Governor, Administration: Wildland Fire Management, Utah Exec. Order No. 2019-5**

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

Wildland Fire Management

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

WHEREAS, wildfires are currently burning in some areas of the State;

WHEREAS, fire restrictions and wildfire warnings are in place across the State;

WHEREAS, extreme dry conditions have occurred and are forecasted throughout the State;

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

WHEREAS, we have seen fires that are not immediately extinguished soon after ignition have grown to large fires;

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, 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, effective for the month of October 2019, 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 1st day of October 2019.

(State Seal)

Gary R. Herbert  
Governor

Attest:

Spencer J. Cox  
Lieutenant Governor

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