

# Executive Document

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## Governor, Administration: Governor's Executive Order: Declaring a State of Emergency Because of Fire Danger

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

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

WHEREAS, wildland fires are burning and continue to burn in various areas statewide and present a serious threat to public safety, property, natural resources and the environment;

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 fires and mitigate post-burn flash floods to protect public safety, property, natural resources and the environment;

WHEREAS, these conditions do create a disaster emergency within the intent of the Disaster Response and Recovery Act of 1981: and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael O. Leavitt, 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, natural resources and the environment for thirty days, effective as of July 10, 2003, 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 July, 2003.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker  
Lieutenant Governor

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