

Executive Document

Governor's Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency Because of Fire Danger.

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, beginning on July 11, 1999, the Weber-Davis Canal near Ritter Road in Riverdale City, breached and caused severe flooding and debris flows that damaged dozens of homes and public infrastructure, and threatens to cause additional losses to agriculture in Weber County, Utah; and

WHEREAS, this flood has caused the evacuation of 300 persons from their homes and has caused severe damage to approximately 25 private residences, public roads and bridges and is creating a public health and safety hazard along public rights-of-way in Weber County, Utah; and

WHEREAS, 30,000 acres of productive farmland may be threatened because of the loss of irrigation water and

WHEREAS, immediate attention is necessary to alleviate the situation which threatens the safety, health and welfare of the citizens of Weber County; and

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 due to the aforesaid flooding in Weber County and such area is declared to be a disaster requiring aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to the provisions of state statutes, and the State Disaster Response 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 12th day of July, 1999.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker
Lt. Governor

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