

# Executive Document

## Governor's Executive Order Declaring a State of Emergency Because of Drought in San Juan County.

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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### San Juan County Drought

WHEREAS, severe drought conditions exist and continue to worsen in San Juan County, Utah, and present a serious threat to human life, private property, agriculture and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the current drought conditions have and will continue to cause adverse effects to agricultural producers, the tourism industry and threatens the culinary water needs of the residents of San Juan county; and

WHEREAS, there are fire restrictions currently in place and more restrictive conditions are anticipated in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the potential for wildfires throughout the entire State of Utah is very high and the threat is increasing as drought conditions persist and may require additional firefighting resources which are expected to be very limited due to high fire potential throughout the western part of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the forecast for continuing and worsening drought in San Juan County and the State of Utah are not expected to change in the near future; and

WHEREAS, the situation has the potential to greatly worsen if left unattended; and

WHEREAS, immediate action is required to protect public health and safety, public and private property, agriculture and the environment; 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 drought conditions and wildfire potential in San Juan County and is declared to be a disaster requiring aid, assistance and relief available pursuant to the provisions of the 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 28th day of June, 2000.

(State Seal)

Michael O. Leavitt  
Governor

ATTEST:

Olene S. Walker  
Lt. Governor

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