State of Montana
Office of the Governor

Executive Order 16-2007

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING THAT THE CURRENT FIRE CONDITIONS ARE CAUSING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST STATEWIDE IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, numerous and intense wildland fires are currently burning in the State of Montana in Flathead, Missoula, Lewis and Clark, Beaverhead, Pondera, Glacier, Gallatin, Teton, Sanders, Lake, and Lincoln counties that are not contained; and

WHEREAS, under current conditions, new wildland fire starts are likely throughout the State of Montana; and
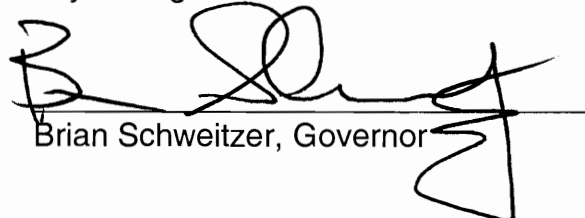
WHEREAS, wildland fires currently burning have created a imminent threat of disaster with the potential for causing immediate peril to life or property that warrant taking extraordinary emergency efforts to avert or minimize damage; and

Whereas, under current conditions, pursuant to § 10-3-302, § 10-3-311, and § 10-3-312, MCA , the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property and may expend funds to meet contingencies and needs that may arise from the emergency.
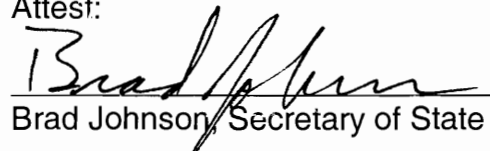
NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER , Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare that an emergency exists in the State of Montana as defined in § 10-3-103 and § 10-3-302, MCA, which warrants aggressive attacks on current wildland fires and all new wildland fire starts in Montana. Executive Order 15 -2007 concerning earlier conditions expires at midnight on August 4, 2007.

This order is effective August 5, 2007.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 3rd day of August 2007.

Brian Schweitzer, Governor

Attest:

Brad Johnson, Secretary of State