

State of Montana  
Office of the Governor

Executive Order No. 17-2007

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER  
TO EXIST IN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

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WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds continue to create hazardous fire conditions across the state; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires have been and are currently burning, which create, and pose an imminent threat of continuing to create, widespread and severe damage and loss of property, constituting a disaster within the meaning of § 10-3-103(3), MCA; and

WHEREAS, firefighting resources continue to be scarce due to extreme wildland fire conditions across the western portion of the United States; and

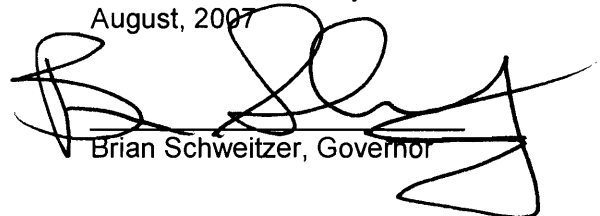
WHEREAS, additional state resources continue to be needed to reinforce Montana's initial and extended attack capabilities and support reduction of large wildland fires when they occur; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a declaration of a state of disaster under § 10-3-303, 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 disaster, pursuant to §§ 10-3-311 and -312, MCA.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws and the Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby declare that a disaster exists as a result of the wildland fires and do hereby activate the applicable response and recovery aspects of the state disaster and emergency plan and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses as necessary to meet contingencies and needs arising from the disaster.

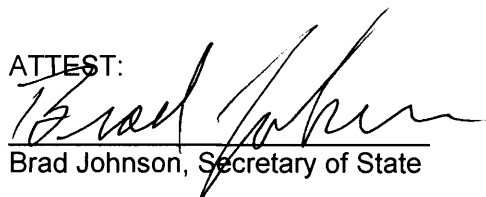
This order is effective August 25, 2007.

Given under my hand and the  
Great Seal of the State of  
Montana this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
August, 2007



Brian Schweitzer, Governor

ATTEST:



Brad Johnson, Secretary of State