

State of Montana
Office of the Governor
Executive Order 09-2012

**EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST
STATEWIDE IN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, extremely hazardous wild land fire conditions currently exist throughout the entire State of Montana, including near-record temperatures, continual wind and low relative humidity; and

WHEREAS, hot, dry and windy conditions are forecast to continue throughout the remainder of the summer and fall months; and

WHEREAS, numerous wildland fires have occurred in the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, many of these fires are threatening numerous residences, outbuildings, and subdivisions and have required evacuation of residents and subsequent sheltering of the evacuees; and

WHEREAS, in the past, an aggressive initial attack on all wildland fire starts has been top priority of Montana's fire fighting forces and will considerably reduce the number of large wildland fires, which in turn significantly reduces the damage to both public and private property; and

WHEREAS, continued aggressive initial attacks on all future wildland fire starts are needed to protect lives and property in the state; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires have been and are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of a disaster, which timely actions can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions, pursuant to § 10-3-302, MCA, the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health, and property by declaring a state of 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 under § 10-3-302, MCA, that an emergency exists in the State of Montana and authorize the incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid from the general fund as provided in §§ 10-3-311 and -312, MCA.

This order is effective August 29, 2012.

Given under my hand and the GREAT
SEAL of the State of Montana, this 29th
day of August, 2012.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTESTED:


LINDA MCCULLOCH, Secretary of State