

EXECUTIVE ORDER 79-06

WHEREAS, for the past several days severe forest fires have been burning in Clark County, causing substantial and irreparable damage to the forest resources of this state and endangering the lives and property of citizens in adjacent areas. The United States Forest Service has been combating such fires and has requested assistance from the State of Washington in the form of trucks and other vehicles and personnel to operate the same.

WHEREAS, said condition endangers and threatens to destroy natural resources of the State, including but not limited to wildlife, its habitat, timber, and grassland; and

WHEREAS, the use of National Guard personnel and equipment is necessary to protect lives, property, and natural resources in the areas endangered by said fires; and

WHEREAS, a rapid response to requests for assistance is a necessity to effective fire fighting;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dixy Lee Ray, Governor of the State of Washington, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapters 38.08.040, 38.52.060, and 43.06 Revised Code of Washington, do hereby direct The Adjutant General of the State of Washington to place on duty such troops and equipment of the Washington National Guard as may be necessary to meet the request of the Forest Service for essential aid in fighting these fires and protection of lives and property.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State of Washington to be affixed at Olympia this 4th day of October A.D., Nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Dixy Lee Ray
Governor of Washington

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Deputy Secretary of State
