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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

14-09

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, Lieutenant Governor Brad Owen issued Proclamation 14-04, proclaiming a state of emergency in all Eastern Washington counties due to current and projected weather conditions, existing fire fuel conditions that present a continuing high risk of severe wildfires, and ongoing multiple wildfires requiring significant levels of limited state and local fire fighting resources; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2014, I issued Proclamation 14-05, amending Proclamation 14-04, proclaiming that Proclamation 14-04 remains in effect and imposing a temporary outdoor burn ban in all Eastern Washington counties by prohibiting all outdoor and agricultural burning as specified until noon on Friday, July 25, 2014; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, I issued amending Proclamations 14-06 and 14-07 proclaiming that Proclamation 14-04 remains in effect and extending the outdoor burn ban imposed by Proclamation 14-05 in all Eastern Washington counties until noon on Friday, August 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the threat to life and property from wildfires throughout Eastern Washington remains extreme, continuing to pose a significant threat of damage and destruction to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure impacting the life and health of our citizens, all of which affect life, health, property, or the public peace, and was declared in Proclamation 14-04 to be a public disaster demanding immediate action; and

WHEREAS, as the Washington State Emergency Operations Center has continued to monitor current weather forecasts and assess the wildfire danger from these conditions, it has become evident that dry weather and windy conditions are expected to persist with no substantial precipitation for the next seven days, magnifying the danger of multiple new and ongoing wildfires posed by high risk fire fuel conditions and the active burning environment currently existing on public and private lands in all counties in Eastern Washington during this period; and

WHEREAS, multiple ongoing wildfires throughout Eastern Washington and the extreme danger of new fires continue to threaten conditions which could result in severe deterioration of air quality over the next seven days and exacerbate the risk to life, health, and property; and

WHEREAS, the availability of fire fighting resources from throughout the State and western United States to assist with new wildfires remains extremely limited due to existing and projected fire conditions and activities throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, based on the continuing elevated risks of multiple new and ongoing wildfires, threats to air quality, and limited availability of fire fighting resources throughout the region, this amendment extends the time period during which outdoor burning activities should remain prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamation 14-04 remains in effect in Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant,

Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties, and I again direct the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are again directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event and the Washington State Emergency Operations Center is again instructed to coordinate all event-related assistance to the affected areas.

Under the provisions of RCW 43.06.220(1)(i), to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace, I also hereby extend the temporary outdoor burn ban imposed by Proclamation 14-05 and extended in Proclamations 14-06 and 14-07 by continuing the prohibition on all outdoor and agricultural burning in the area affected by this proclamation until noon on Friday, August 15, 2014. The ban may be further extended if conditions warrant. Except as provided herein, prohibited outdoor burning includes but is not limited to campfires, bonfires, residential yard debris clean-up, trash disposal, land clearing, weed abatement, agricultural burning activity and ignition of fireworks. This prohibition does not include the following activities: use of liquid fueled or gas-fueled stoves over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation; use of charcoal grills at private residences over a non-flammable surface and at least five feet from flammable vegetation; agricultural burning pursuant to a fire permit issued by a local authority in accordance with existing statutes and rules; and campfires at state parks and campgrounds in accordance with current and ongoing restrictions imposed by the state agency with legal authority over the park or campground. Nothing in this order supersedes more restrictive provisions of the counties, municipalities, fire districts, other political subdivisions, or public or private landowners. Nothing in this order supersedes fire permits issued by a local authority that provide specific written approval for the prescribed burning activity. This order does not apply to firefighting activities by authorized firefighters acting in accordance with the fire fighting plan.

All persons are advised of potential criminal penalties for violation of this order pursuant to RCW 43.06.220.

Signed and sealed with the official seal of the state of Washington this 8th day of August, A.D, Two Thousand and Fourteen at Olympia, Washington.

By:

_____/s/
Jay Inslee, Governor

BY THE GOVERNOR:

_____/s/
Secretary of State