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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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WHEREAS, on July 15, 2014, Proclamation 14-04 was issued proclaiming a state of emergency throughout Eastern Washington due to existing wildfires and the extreme risk of additional wildfires, including the 270,000 acre Carlton Complex wildfire in Okanogan County that continues to burn and has resulted in significant damage to homes, public facilities, and roadway infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2014, severe rainstorms occurred in areas of Okanogan County that recently suffered significant wildfire damage in July and August of 2014, leaving large areas of land burned clear of vegetation and vulnerable to erosion and landslides in heavy rain events; and

WHEREAS, these storms produced sudden and extreme rainfall to the fire damaged areas, resulting in saturated soils, flash flooding, landslides, and slope erosion, causing significant damage to roadways, homes, businesses, farms, public utilities and infrastructure, in addition to road closures and detours impacting the life, health and safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, large sections of SR 153 and SR 20 have been blocked by debris flows and significantly damaged by erosion, resulting in road closures, limited access, and detours requiring implementation of emergency procurement procedures by Washington State's Secretary of Transportation to repair road systems damage; and

WHEREAS, current estimated costs of road systems repair exceeds \$800,000, and the Washington State Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are coordinating resources to repair the road systems damage, working to implement damage repairs, and continuing to assess the damage caused by these storms; and

WHEREAS, the road systems damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, all of which affect life, health, property, or the public peace, and is a public disaster demanding immediate attention

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the aforementioned situation and under Chapters 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that a state of emergency exists in Okanogan County in the state of Washington, and direct the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented.

