



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

AMMENDING PROCLAMATION 15-16

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WHEREAS, on December 9, 2015, I issued Proclamation 15-16, proclaiming a State of Emergency to exist in all counties in Washington State due to a series of severe rain and wind storms resulting in major flooding, tornado, landslides, erosion, broken and uprooted trees, and flying debris causing significant power outages, evacuations, road closures and bridge damage, rail line closures, and extensive damage to homes, businesses, public utilities and public facilities, in addition to creating sheltering needs for impacted citizens, threatening fragile and at-risk populations, and jeopardizing the health and safety of citizens with special medical needs; and

WHEREAS, erosion, landslides and flooding resulting from these storms was exacerbated in some areas of the State by major wildfires occurring in July through September 2015 that left large areas of land burned clear of trees and other vegetation; and

WHEREAS, as the Washington State Emergency Operations Center has continued to monitor and assess ongoing weather conditions, it has become evident that these storms continued to produce severe rain and wind conditions causing impacts and damage throughout the State through December 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the storm damage and its effects continue to impact the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and infrastructure of Washington State, all of which is a public disaster that affects life, health, property, or the public peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay R. Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, because of the above-noted situation and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that Proclamation 15-16 remains in effect and that a State of Emergency continues in all Counties in the state of Washington and that the period of these storms is from November 30 through December 14, 2015. I again direct the plans and procedures in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented. State agencies and departments are directed to utilize state resources in accordance with the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the event. Additionally, the Washington State Emergency Operations Center is instructed to continue coordinating all incident-related assistance to the affected areas.

