

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8-2017**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING THAT THE CURRENT FIRE CONDITIONS ARE
CAUSING AN EMERGENCY TO EXIST STATEWIDE IN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

WHEREAS, numerous and intense wildland fires are currently burning in the State of Montana in Missoula County, Ravalli County, Powell County, Mineral County, Lincoln County, Granite County, Lewis and Clark County, Beaverhead County, Lake County, Flathead County, Carter County and the Flathead Indian Reservation;

WHEREAS, under current conditions, new wildland fire starts are likely throughout the State of Montana;

WHEREAS, wildland fires currently burning have created an imminent threat of disaster with the potential for causing immediate peril to life or property that warrants taking extraordinary emergency efforts to avert or minimize damage;

WHEREAS, under current conditions, pursuant to Montana Code Annotated § 10-3-302, § 10-3-311, and § 10-3-312, the Governor may mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to protect life, health and property and may expend funds to meet contingencies and needs that may arise from the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE BULLOCK, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to the Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, Montana Code Annotated, and other applicable laws of the State of Montana, do hereby declare that an emergency exists in the State of Montana as defined in § 10-3-103 and § 10-3-302, Montana Code Annotated, which warrants aggressive attacks on current wildland fires and all new wildland fire starts in Montana. Executive Order 07-2017 concerning earlier conditions expires at midnight on August 12, 2017.

This Order is effective August 13, 2017.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of
the State of Montana this 11th day of
AUGUST, 2017.

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STEVE BULLOCK, Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Corey Stableton", is written over a horizontal line.

COREY STABLETON, Secretary of State

~~BY: JEFFREY HUDDSON, DEPUTY~~