



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16-02

DETERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BENTON, CLACKAMAS, CLATSOP, COLUMBIA, LANE, LINCOLN, LINN, MARION, MULTNOMAH, POLK, TILLAMOOK, WASHINGTON, AND YAMHILL COUNTIES AS WELL AS COOS, CURRY, DOUGLAS, JACKSON, JOSEPHINE, AND KLAMATH COUNTIES DUE TO A SEVERE WINTER STORM THAT INCLUDES HIGH WINDS, FLOODING, AND LANDSLIDES

Pursuant to ORS 401.165, I find that a threat to life, safety, property, and significant damage to the state roads on the federal-aid highway system exists due to severe winter storms that have caused and continue to cause a natural disaster in the above-identified jurisdictions. Having begun on December 07, 2015, and continuing to the date of this Order, these severe storms are causing heavy rains, high winds, flooding, landslides, and erosion at various locations within these jurisdictions, resulting in critical transportation failures, loss of power and communications capabilities, and evacuations and sheltering needs. This storm system damaged state highways throughout the jurisdictions with, among other events, numerous washouts, sinkholes, serious debris flows, and mudslides.

IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) shall activate the State's Emergency Operations Plan, and shall coordinate access to and use of personnel and equipment of all state agencies necessary to assess, alleviate, respond to, mitigate or recover from conditions caused by this emergency. OEM shall coordinate all essential protective measures in support of disaster areas identified above.
2. The Oregon National Guard, Oregon State Police, Oregon Public Utility Commission and Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide any assistance that is deemed necessary to assist in the response to this emergency and to provide all necessary support to the above identified jurisdictions. All other state agencies shall be prepared to assist as requested by OEM.
3. The Oregon Department of Transportation shall provide appropriate assistance and seek federal resources to effect repair and reconstruction of the federal aid highway system in above identified jurisdictions.



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Approved verbally as to Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Washington and Yamhill Counties on December 10, 2015, and approved verbally as to the remaining counties on December 14, 2015.

Formalized at Salem, Oregon, this 25 day of January, 2016.



Handwritten signature of Kate Brown in black ink.

Kate Brown
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Jeanne P. Atkins in black ink.

Jeanne P. Atkins
SECRETARY OF STATE