



EXECUTIVE ORDER #75

Relating to Declaring a State of Emergency in Response to Elevated Wildfire Conditions

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has entered a period of historically high wildland fire occurrence;

WHEREAS, based upon weather predictions from the National Weather Service, Wisconsin will experience a period of weather in which wildland fuels will readily ignite and the resulting fires will rapidly spread;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's landscape contains widespread areas of extremely hazardous fuel loads that resulted from the damaging windstorms of July 2019;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created shortages of staff that would normally perform critical fire suppression management, ultimately making it more challenging for firefighting agencies across the state;

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing and heightened statewide threat of wildfires that may affect the safety of persons and property;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has requested wildfire suppression support from the Wisconsin National Guard to include the pre-positioning of firefighting assets in critical locations throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources may be needed to expedite the response and recovery operations in the affected areas.

NOW THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, specifically Sections 321.39(1)(a), 323.10, and 323.12 of the Wisconsin Statutes, do hereby:

1. Proclaim that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Wisconsin.
2. Direct all state agencies of the State of Wisconsin to assist as appropriate in wildfire prevention, response, and recovery efforts.
3. Call to state active duty such elements of the Wisconsin National Guard as the Adjutant General deems necessary to assist Wisconsin Emergency Management and the Department of Natural Resources in providing wildfire suppression, prevention, response, recovery, and other essential services.

4. Authorize the Adjutant General to use personnel called to state active duty pursuant to this order in emergency status.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-first day of April in the year of two thousand twenty.



Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State