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State of Montana
Office of the Governor

Executive Order No. 37-06

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER TO EXIST IN THE STATE OF MONTANA

WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds continue to create hazardous fire conditions across the state; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires have been and are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, which timely actions can avert or minimize; and

WHEREAS, firefighting resources continue to be scarce due to extreme wildland fire conditions across the western portion of the United States; and

WHEREAS, additional state resources continue to be needed to reinforce Montana's initial and extended attack capabilities and support reduction of large wildland fires when they occur; and

WHEREAS, under these conditions, pursuant to §§ 10-3-303, 10-3-311, and 10-3-312, MCA, 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 disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me pursuant to Montana Constitution, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and other applicable laws of the state of Montana, do hereby declare under § 10-3-303, MCA that a disaster exists in the State of Montana, as defined in § 10-3-103(3), MCA,.

This order is effective August 21, 2006.

Given under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 21st day of August, 2006

BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:

Brad Johnson, Secretary of State