

State of Montana
Office of the Governor
Executive Order No. 11-2012

**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, wild land fires have been and are currently burning and have created an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage; and

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

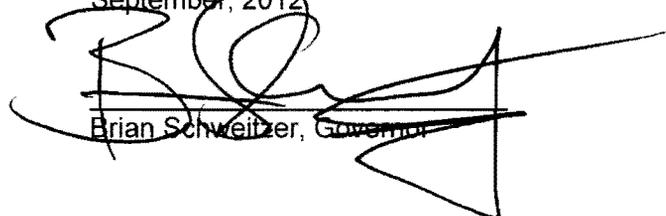
WHEREAS, additional state resources continue to be needed to reinforce Montana's initial and extended attack capabilities and support the reduction of large wild land fires when they occur; and

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 the 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., and authorize the continued incurring of liabilities and expenses to be paid from the general fund to meet the contingencies and needs arising from the disaster.

This order is effective September 17, 2012.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of
Montana this 17th day of
September, 2012



Brian Schweitzer, Governor

ATTEST:



Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State