



EXECUTIVE ORDER #110

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

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has entered a period of high wildfire occurrence;

WHEREAS, based upon weather predictions from the National Weather Service, Wisconsin will experience a period of warmer temperatures, lower humidity, and high winds that can quickly ignite wildland and create rapidly spreading fires;

WHEREAS, these wildfires and the ongoing and heightened statewide threat of wildfires will affect the safety of persons and property;

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

WHEREAS, in 2020, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reported a total of 782 wildfires that burned 1,630.13 acres; and so far in 2021, approximately 322 wildfires have already occurred, burning 1,527.92 acres;

WHEREAS, additional personnel and resources are needed to adequately respond to these fires and expedite the response and recovery operations in affected areas;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased operational difficulty in performing critical fire suppression management and response capabilities, ultimately making it more challenging for firefighting agencies across the state; and

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 Wisconsin.

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 fifth day of April in the year of two thousand twenty-one.



By the Governor:

Handwritten signature of Tony Evers in black ink.

TONY EVERS
Governor

Handwritten signature of Douglas La Follette in blue ink.

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State