

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF CROOK

**IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING
A STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN
CROOK COUNTY**

RESOLUTION 2026-34

This matter came before the County Board of Commissioners at an emergency meeting on July 22, 2026, involving an emergency situation created by several wildfires burning within the boundaries of Crook County; and

WHEREAS, during the week of July 13, 2026, lightning numerous wildfires throughout Crook County and neighboring counties, and

WHEREAS, numerous fires continued to burn throughout the county, including the Brewer Fire, Coyote Fire, Henry Fire, and others smaller fires as well as fires initiated in neighboring counties that are threatening to or have already encroached into Crook County, including the Box Springs Fire, and

WHEREAS, due to ongoing impact from drought and other weather conditions and limited resources due to the high number of wildfires throughout the region, the fires in Crook County continue to pose a threat to human health and safety, to public and private property (including structures), and the livelihoods of citizens of Crook County, and

WHEREAS, the County EOC has been implemented, and emergency service responders are working to ensure the public is safe by notifying and updating the public of evacuation levels and taking all other reasonable steps authorized by law to ensure when necessary for the efficient conduct of activities that minimize or mitigate the effects of the emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Commissioners, under the emergency powers granted by ORS 401.305, declares that a State of Emergency exists within Crook County due to the fact that local resources have been exhausted. Further, Crook County's Emergency Services is hereby directed to take all necessary steps authorized by law to secure the persons and property of the citizens of Crook County.

DATED this 22nd Day of July, 2026

Seth Crawford
County Commissioner

Susan Hermreck
County Commissioner

Brian Barney
County Commissioner