## STATE OF MONTANA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5-91

EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING CONDITIONS AS DEFINED IN SECTIONS 10-3-103 AND 10-3-302, MCA, EXIST AS A RESULT OF WILDLAND FIRES AFFECTING THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES

Beaverhead Deer Lodge Flathead

Granite Lake

Powell Magison Mineral Madison

Powell Silver Bow Ravalli Lewis & Clark

Lincoln Missoula Sanders Jefferson

Cascade

WHEREAS, dry conditions in large fuels and the probability of high winds have combined to create fire conditions in Western Montana, and

WHEREAS, it is highly probable that early season fires will continue to occur prior to the start of the new fiscal year, July 1991, and

WHEREAS, the Department of State Lands fire supplemental appropriation has been expended due to late fall fires in 1990, and spring early season fire incidents of 1991, and

WHEREAS, the Department of State Lands has no remaining budget authority to suppress and control wildfires, and

WHEREAS, wildland fires created conditions as defined in Sections 10-3-103 and 10-3-302, MCA, and

WHEREAS, the timely suppression activities by the Department of State Lands can avert or minimize damage, and

WHEREAS, the availability and utilization of all necessary Department of State Lands fire suppression services, equipment and supplies, is necessary to protect property, health and safety of the people of Montana, and

WHEREAS, such conditions create the possibility of wildland fires affecting the above counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10, Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby declare that conditions as defined in Sections 10-3-103 and 10-3-302, MCA, exist in the above referenced counties and further authorize the expenditure of funds from the general fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from these conditions as defined in Section

10-3-311, MCA.

This order is effective May 2, 1991.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of May, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-one.

STAN STEPHENS

Governor

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MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State