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Executive Order No. 17-99

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EXECUTIVE ORDER PROCLAIMING A DISASTER
...TO EXIST IN THE TOWN OF OUTLOOK

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WHEREAS, extremely dry conditions and high winds have combined to create hazardous fire conditions throughout eastern Montana; and

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WHEREAS, on October 31, 1999, wildland fires occurred in many central and eastern Montana counties, causing the evacuation of several communities and damage to private and public property; and

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WHEREAS, a wildland fire overran the Town of Outlook causing the destruction of several businesses and residences, severe smoke damage to the school and town hall, damage to the town park and debris removal problems; and

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WHEREAS, although the Town of Outlook has committed all available resources and taken all possible actions to respond, mitigate and alleviate the situation, local resources are not sufficient to respond to the conditions; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Outlook declared a disaster and has exhausted all available emergency levies by appropriating emergency funding in an amount equivalent to a two mill levy on

1 the town's taxable valuation, pursuant to section 10-3-405, MCA,
2 to respond in the aftermath of the severe weather, and


3 WHEREAS, red flag warnings continue to be issued by the
4 National Weather Service reflecting continued threats of
5 wildland fires for areas east of the Continental Divide; and

6 WHEREAS, these conditions authorize the Governor to
7 mobilize state resources and the Montana National Guard to
8 protect life, health and property and authorize the Governor
9 under section 10-3-311, MCA, to expend funds from the general
10 fund to meet contingencies and needs arising from the emergency.


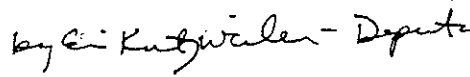
11 NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of
12 Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor
13 under the Constitution of the State of Montana, Title 10,
14 Chapter 3, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby
15 declare a disaster to exist in the Town of Outlook.

16 This order is effective immediately.

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19 GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT
20 SEAL of the State of Montana,
21 this 5th day of November, 1999.

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25 MARC RACICOT, Governor

26 ATTEST:

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29 MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State by  - Deputy