

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2016-04

WHEREAS, Widespread drought conditions, low humidity, and high temperatures have created a serious fire hazard in Butte, Custer, Fall River, Haakon, Harding, Hughes, Jackson, Jones, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington, Perkins, and Stanley counties; and,

WHEREAS, Current fire conditions are threatening life and property; and,

WHEREAS, Drought conditions and prairie fires that continue to persist will diminish the feed and water supply for farmers and ranchers to adequately sustain their livestock; and,

WHEREAS, Prairie fires are resulting in damage to public, private, and agricultural property is creating considerable financial and personal hardships to local governments, businesses, and residents; and,

WHEREAS, The Black Hills Forrest Fire Protection District is excluded from this declaration; and,

WHEREAS, State, local, and federal government activities and resources are required to coordinate fire fighting efforts and for fire suppression:

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, And under provisions of SDCL 34-48A-5, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, hereby declared that a state of emergency does exist and I hereby authorize such functions of state government as necessary to provide relief and assistance.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, The fire hazard incident period shall begin July 15, 2016, and terminate at such time as determined by the Secretaries of Agriculture and Public Safety but shall not last beyond December 31, 2016.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this Thirteenth day of July, 2016.




Dennis Daugaard
Governor of South Dakota

ATTEST:

Shantel Krebs
Secretary of State