

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on November 13, 2025, the Pack Fire began burning in Mono County and has since burned more than 1,974 acres; and

WHEREAS high winds from a concurrent atmospheric river in the region fueled the Pack Fire's expansive growth, hampered aerial firefighting efforts, grounded aircrafts, and accelerated the fire's spread; and

WHEREAS the Pack Fire prompted evacuation orders, the closure of U.S. Route 395, and burned a total of 36 structures; and

WHEREAS due to expected incoming precipitation and snowfall, there is heightened risk of runoff and debris flows in Mono County as a result of the Pack Fire; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist due to the Pack Fire in Mono County; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8558(b), I find that the conditions caused by the Pack Fire, by reason of its magnitude, are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of any single local government and require the combined forces of a mutual aid region or regions to appropriately respond; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8625(c), I find that local authority is inadequate to cope with the magnitude of the damage caused by the Pack Fire; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the Pack Fire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8625, **HEREBY PROCLAIM A STATE OF EMERGENCY** to exist in Mono County due to the Pack Fire.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. All agencies of the state government utilize and employ state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities consistent with the direction of the Office of Emergency Services and the State Emergency Plan. Also, all residents are to obey the direction of emergency officials with regard to this emergency in order to protect their safety.
2. The Office of Emergency Services shall provide assistance to local governments, if appropriate, under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act, Government Code section 8680 et seq., and California Code of Regulations, Title 19, section 2900 et seq.
3. As necessary to assist local governments and for the protection of public health and the environment, state agencies shall enter into

contracts to arrange for the procurement of materials, goods, and services necessary to quickly assist with the response to and recovery from the impacts of the Pack Fire. Applicable provisions of the Government Code and the Public Contract Code, including but not limited to travel, advertising, and competitive bidding requirements, are suspended to the extent necessary to address the effects of the Pack Fire.

4. State statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements that fall within the jurisdiction of boards, departments, and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency ("CalEPA") and the California Natural Resources Agency ("CNRA") are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to: (a) expedite the removal and cleanup of debris and household hazardous waste ("HHW") from properties affected by the Pack Fire; (b) address other impacts associated with that debris and HHW resulting from this emergency or address other impacts associated with that debris and HHW; (c) implement any restoration plan needed for mitigation of the effects of the emergency; or (d) conduct other fire recovery activities.
5. Individuals or entities who desire to conduct activities under the suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements specified in Paragraph 4 shall first request that the appropriate Agency Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under the suspension. The Secretary for Environmental Protection and the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency shall use sound discretion in applying this Proclamation to ensure that the suspension serves the purpose of accelerating cleanup and recovery, while at the same time protecting public health and the environment. CalEPA and CNRA shall maintain on their websites a list of all suspensions approved under this Paragraph.
6. Any activities performed under the suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements specified in Paragraph 4 shall be in accordance with the long-term post-fire debris removal State Environmental Protection Plan, or a comparable plan describing how such actions will balance expeditious fire recovery and environmental protection.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Proclamation be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Proclamation.

This Proclamation is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 9th day
of December 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.D.
Secretary of State