

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2011-19**

WHEREAS, The State of South Dakota has been impacted by red flag fire conditions brought on by the lack of moisture and very strong winds; and,

WHEREAS, The Okreek Fire has spread into a massive wild land fire in Mellette County; and,

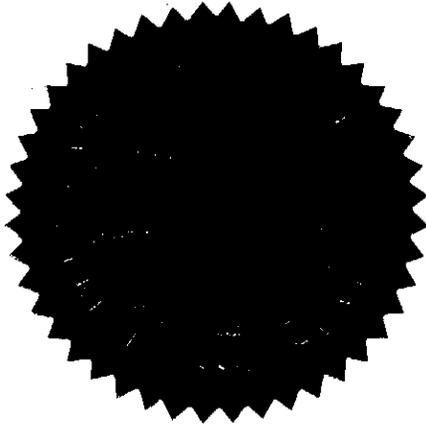
WHEREAS, Weather conditions will not be favorable over the next forty-eight hours to contain the fire; and,

WHEREAS, Resources will be needed to contain, control, and extinguish the fire; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, under provisions of SDCL 33-15, otherwise known as the Emergency Management law, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in Mellette County in the state of South Dakota.

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED, resources available within state government will be utilized under coordination of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Division of Wild Land Fire Suppression for fire suppression purposes, and the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, Office of Emergency Management for non-suppression purposes, in support of local government efforts in the protection of lives and property in the affected counties.

Dated in Pierre, South Dakota, this Sixth day of October, 2011.



*Dennis Daugaard*

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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.*  
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Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State