

Gov. Evers: Declares State of Emergency due to elevated wildfire conditions

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MADISON – Gov. Tony Evers today declared a statewide State of Emergency in Wisconsin in response to elevated wildfire conditions throughout the state.

“Our first priority is protecting the people of Wisconsin and this executive order helps us control existing wildfires and use all available state assets to prevent new ones from starting,” Gov. Evers said. “With the Wisconsin National Guard, we’ll have the resources we need to appropriately assist in potential wildfire response and recovery efforts.”

There have been over 150 wildfires in Wisconsin DNR protection areas this year with the largest fire being 234 acres in Juneau County on April 18 where aircraft played a critical role in slowing the spread of the fire so ground resources could reinforce containment lines. The National Weather Service indicates weather conditions conducive to wildfires are possible, including gusty winds, low relative humidity and dry grasses. Spring is critical fire season in Wisconsin and generally lasts through May.

Executive Order #75 directs state agencies, including the Wisconsin National Guard, to provide additional personnel and resources as needed to assist in wildfire prevention, emergency response and recovery operations.

A copy of the Executive Order can be found [here](#).