



STATE OF WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Order 2021-4

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the State of Wyoming has experienced and is currently experiencing severe winter storm conditions, including record setting snowfall, damaging high winds, power outages, excessive snow with a potential for rain, areal flooding, rapid snowmelt runoff, along with the potential for main stream and tributary river flooding to include flash flooding, mudslides, landslides and avalanches; and

WHEREAS, the current conditions around the State have required the closure of many roads, including large sections of interstate highways, and many secondary roads are impassable and these closures and impassable roads will take several days to resolve; and

WHEREAS, crews are unable to access areas in communities with power outages to perform repairs due to closures and the impassability of roads; and

WHEREAS, the current conditions around the State may produce significant flooding with the possibility of continued snow melt, rain on snow, along with progressive runoff could potentially present flood conditions to include mudslides, landslides and avalanches throughout Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the impending and on-going weather, road, and potential flood conditions may make it difficult or impossible for citizens to obtain the necessities of life, as well as essential services such as police, fire, and first aid; and

WHEREAS, the impending and on-going weather, road, and potential flood conditions, avalanches, mudslides and landslides could constitute an imminent hazard that threaten and endanger the health, safety and resources of residents of the State; and

WHEREAS, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and municipal operating services in some parts of the State, and this situation may spread to other parts of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Wyoming, particularly the provision of the Wyo. Stat. Ann. 19-13-102 and 19-13-104, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of Wyoming and the authority and responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Wyoming Homeland Security Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the laws of the State of Wyoming, I, Mark Gordon, do hereby order and direct:

1. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security, in accordance with the homeland security plan and program for this state, to take all appropriate and necessary actions, including but not limited to, the partial or full mobilization of homeland security organizations and personnel in response to and in advance of actual disaster, to ensure the furnishing of adequately trained and equipped forces of homeland security personnel in time of need.
2. The Adjutant General, in accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann 19-9-207(a)(iii), to order the state active duty members of the Wyoming National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members do ordered.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time it is rescinded.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 16th day of March, 2021.



Mark Gordon
Governor