



# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

Department of Transportation

Office of the Director

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Salem, OR 97301

September 14, 2020

**ATTN: Motor Carriers**

**RE: Emergency Order Granting Suspension of Certain Motor Carrier Regulations in Response to Oregon Wild Fire Activity**

To avoid interruption of essential equipment, supplies, and services needed to combat wild fires in Oregon, it is necessary to expedite the movement of such items to protect the health and safety of Oregonians. Under the authority granted the Department in ORS 823.012, I hereby declare a suspension of the following motor carrier laws related to vehicles providing essential equipment, supplies, and services to fight Oregon wild fires and to support relief/recovery efforts until the termination of the state of emergency as defined in ORS 401.204.

- (1) ORS 825.100, certificate or permit requirement for commercial transportation of persons or property.
- (2) ORS 825.104, permit requirement for for-hire or private carrier engaged in interstate operations.
- (3) ORS 825.450, weight identifier and vehicle enrollment in Oregon's weight-mile tax program.
- (4) ORS 825.470, temporary pass for single trip or short-time operation of vehicle.
- (5) ORS 826.031, registration of certain vehicles not already registered with the state.

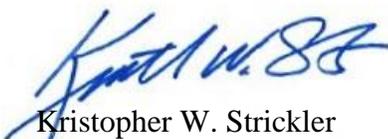
Under ORS818.200, I authorize the following relief for vehicles needing size and weight permits. This relief is granted above in concert with the federal declaration of emergency on September 10, 2020 as noted in EM-3542-OR. This relief is granted for 120 days from the date noted in EM-3542-OR. **This document serves as the permit for loads operating on legal axle weights up to 105,500 that do not already have an annual permit to operate on the interstate and state highways in Oregon.** Please carry a copy of this declaration in your vehicle. Note the following:

You must comply with legal axle weights of 20,000 lbs. for single axle, and 34,000 lbs. for tandem axles, and other group axle weights as stated on Weight Table 1 and Weight Table 2.

You must abide by all weight postings on bridges. If you exceed those weight postings, you cannot cross those bridges. The responsibility will be placed solely on the driver. In addition to the obvious safety concerns, the driver will be subject to enforcement action, and civil penalties against the motor carrier will be explored.

Additionally, under the authority granted the Department in ORS 818.200, 30-day emergency permits for loads that cannot operate on an annual permit may be issued under OAR740-082 for over-dimension vehicles and loads associated with activities needed to respond to the emergency.

Thank you,



Kristopher W. Strickler  
Director