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**PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR  
AMENDING PROCLAMATION 12-12**

**12-13**

**WHEREAS**, on September 13, 2012, I issued Proclamation 12-12, proclaiming a state of emergency in all counties East of the crest of the Cascade Mountains of Washington State due to current and projected weather conditions, existing fire fuel conditions that present a continuing high risk of severe wildfires, and ongoing multiple wildfires requiring significant levels of limited state and local fire fighting resources; and

The threat to life and property from wildfires remains extreme, threatening extensive additional damage to homes, public facilities, businesses, public utilities, and infrastructure impacting the life and health of our citizens throughout Eastern Washington, all of which affect the life, health, property, or the public peace, and was declared in Proclamation 12-12 to be a public disaster demanding immediate action; and

As the Washington State Emergency Operations Center has continued to assess the extreme wildfire danger from these conditions and current weather forecasts for the next four days, it has become evident that these existing high risk fuel conditions present an active burning environment with extremely high potential for producing new and multiple wildfires on public and private lands in all counties in Eastern Washington; and

This extreme danger of new and multiple wildfires in all counties in Eastern Washington and the elevated risks of new fires also create conditions threatening severe deterioration of air quality over the next four days with air quality values in the affected area ranging from unhealthy to hazardous, which exacerbates the risk to life, health, and property; and

Based on these elevated risks of new and multiple wildfires, threats to air quality, and limited availability of fire fighting resources, outdoor burning activities should be prohibited to help preserve and maintain life, health, property or the public peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, as a result of the above-noted situation, and under Chapters 38.08, 38.52 and 43.06 RCW, do hereby proclaim that that Proclamation 12-12 remains in effect in all counties East of the crest of the Cascade Mountains in the state of Washington, and I again direct the plans and procedures of the *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* be implemented. State agencies and departments are again directed to utilize state resources and to do everything reasonably possible to assist affected political subdivisions in an effort to respond to and recover from the

