



STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

23-04

July Storm

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2023, a severe thunderstorm producing heavy rain and lightning caused flash flooding and started multiple fires, resulting in damage to portions of US 2 and SR 28 in Douglas and Grant Counties; and

WHEREAS, heavy rain produced flash flooding along US 2 between MP 166 and 170, resulting in washouts along the ditch line, impacting the shoulder and travel lanes at multiple locations and requiring road closures and the implementation of detours in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, the same storm produced lightning resulting in multiple fires, causing damage to guardrail, highway signs, and guideposts along SR 28 between MP 22 and 24, requiring temporary road closures in Douglas and Grant Counties; and

WHEREAS, the highway closures, approved as necessary by the Washington State Secretary of Transportation, caused, and continue to cause, limited access to affected roadways and will require the emergency procurement of a contractor(s) to repair the damage; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Transportation is coordinating resources and responses with other state and federal entities to repair the roadway and is currently working to implement repairs; and

WHEREAS, the road damage impacts the life and health of our citizens, as well as the property and transportation infrastructure of Washington State, all of which affect life, health, property, and the public peace, and constitute a public emergency demanding immediate action.

