

Executive Order 2007-18
State Land Department Forestry Division
(Amending Executive Order 2004-21)

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 37-621 establishes the positions of state forester and deputy state forester; and

WHEREAS, presently, the administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester are housed within the State Land Department; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester as a formal Division of the State Land Department will allow maximum administrative and financial efficiency; and

WHEREAS, consolidating state forest management functions within the State Land Department under a Forestry Division will further leverage those efficiencies, ensure coordination of forest management activities within Arizona, and provide for coherent delivery of services required to reduce fire hazards and damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester shall continue to be housed within the State Land Department and shall become a formal Division of the State Land Department.
2. All state forest management functions shall be consolidated under the State Land Department's Forestry Division and under the authority of the State Forester.
3. The State Forester shall submit his or her yearly budget request to the State Land Commissioner, who shall submit it to the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budget as a part of the State Land Department's requested budget.
4. All money appropriated to the Forestry Division shall be used on equipment, personnel and activities directly related to Forestry Division responsibilities. The State Forester shall administer the Forestry Division budget.
5. The State Forester shall report directly to the Governor on administrative and policy matters involving wildfire prevention, management and suppression.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Janet Napolitano
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capital in Phoenix, Arizona this 25 day of July Two Thousand Seven and of the Independence of the United States the Two hundred and Thirty-Second.

ATTEST:

Janice K. Brewer
SECRETARY OF STATE