

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 07-117
(Emergency Management/Extension of Executive Order 07-86)

WHEREAS, the State of Florida continues to recover from the cumulative impact of wildland fires commencing on March 26 and continuing; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2007, Executive Order 07-86 was issued declaring a state of emergency due to extreme drought conditions and the threat of wildland fires throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 07-86 will expire on July 2, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Forestry has advised that the removal of burnt timber is crucial to mitigate future wildland fire hazards and to make those areas impacted by wildland fires ready for reforestation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHARLIE CRIST, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I find that the removal of burnt timber from public and private property is needed to mitigate future loss and to make those areas impacted by wildland fires ready for reforestation. Therefore, I incorporate and extend Executive Order 07-86, but only to the extent that I direct the Department of Transportation to issue temporary permits and to take such other and further action as may be necessary to relieve commercial vehicles transporting harvested burnt timber and

emergency equipment and supplies from the normal restrictions on the weight, height, length, and width restrictions for such vehicles. In any event, the weight, height, length, and width for any such commercial vehicle on roadways maintained by the State of Florida shall not exceed the following:

- A. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty (40) feet, but less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed ninety thousand (90,000) pounds.
- B. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed ninety-five thousand (95,000) pounds.
- C. The maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for vehicles equipped with four (4) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty-three (43) feet shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.
- D. The total length for any vehicle identified above shall not exceed eighty (80) feet.
- E. The total width for any vehicle identified above shall not exceed eight (8) feet, six (6) inches.
- F. The total height for any vehicle identified above shall not exceed thirteen (13) feet, six (6) inches.
- G. The total maximum Gross Vehicle Weight for straight trucks shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds.
- H. The total maximum gross weight of any axle shall not exceed twenty-seven thousand five hundred (27,500) pounds and the total maximum gross weight of any tandem axle shall not exceed fifty-five thousand (55,000) pounds and the maximum weight of any tri-axle shall not exceed seventy thousand (70,000) pounds.

Commercial vehicles allowed to operate outside the normal restrictions for such vehicles under the authority of this Executive Order shall be issued permits by the Department of Transportation, and such vehicles shall be subject to such special conditions as the Department may endorse on any such permits. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, nor shall anything in this Executive Order be construed to relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other

than those specified in this Executive Order, or from any statute, rule, order or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

Section 2. I give to the Department of Agriculture (as it relates to operations of the Division of Forestry in responding to the wildland fires) and the Division of Emergency Management the authority to suspend the effect of any and all statutes and rules which affect budgeting and the procurement of services, to the extent necessary to meet this emergency. Such authority to suspend the effect of any statute or rule which affects budgeting and the procurement of services shall coincide with the expiration of this Executive Order.

Section 3. This Executive Order shall expire sixty (60) days from this date unless extended.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 28th day of June, 2007.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlie Crist", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR CHARLIE CRIST

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Atwater", written over a horizontal line.
SECRETARY OF STATE

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