



April 1, 2021

Major General Alan S. Dohrmann
The Adjutant General
North Dakota National Guard
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SUBJECT: Activation of National Guard for State Active Duty for Training and Standby Status

Dear Major General Dohrmann:

North Dakota must be prepared to respond to wildland fires during periods of ongoing dry conditions and drought patterns. At this time, North Dakota has an elevated spring and summer fire potential; a significant number of fires have occurred to date. To prepare to support local and tribal firefighting efforts, assist federal fire partners, and respond to fire emergencies across the State, we must have firefighting resources available on short notice. The North Dakota National Guard has the resources we may need to support those firefighting efforts.

In accordance with North Dakota Century Code § 37-01-04, I direct the North Dakota National Guard to make available resources necessary to attend firefighting training, coordinated through the ND Forest Service. State Active Duty for purposes of training activities is not considered emergency response, therefore NDCC § 37-01-04.1 does not apply.

I also approve placement of necessary North Dakota National Guard resources in a standby status throughout the State, during periods of high risk for wildfires during this fire season. This action will enable National Guard members to serve as force multipliers during fire emergencies and support local, tribal, federal, and State efforts when required.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum
Governor

CF: Cody Schulz, ND Department of Emergency Services