



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The West Mims Fire currently burning within the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge has caused and will continue to cause catastrophic damage to timber in the impacted area; and

WHEREAS: Federal, State and Local assets are working to contain the fire and prevent further timber and property damage; and

WHEREAS: Due to the timber damage, Georgia Forestry Commission recommends specific restrictions be lifted on timber trucks to accommodate the removal of fire-damaged timber from Charlton, Clinch and Ware Counties; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Forestry Commission further recommends the State of Georgia allow vehicles transporting the above mentioned timber loads to travel on preapproved state maintained roadways; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Public Safety may issue over-dimensional permits to accommodate the movement of vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That weight, height and length for any such vehicle transporting fire-related timber on roadways maintained by the State of Georgia, shall not exceed the following:

- A. A maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) weight bearing axles, with an outer bridge span of not less than fifty one (51) feet, shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of ninety five (95) thousand pounds, a maximum width of ten (10) feet and an overall length of one hundred (100) feet. Continuous travel is authorized, with the proper escorts.
- B. If the width of said vehicle exceeds eight (8) feet six (6) inches and is traveling after daylight, defined as thirty (30) minutes before sunset to thirty (30) minutes after sunrise, the transporter is required to have a vehicle front and a rear escort/amber light when traveling on a two lane roadway and a vehicle rear

escort when traveling on a four lane highway. Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have proper oversize signs, markings, flags and escorts as defined in the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That commercial vehicles operating outside the normal vehicle restrictions under the authority of this Executive Order shall be issued permits by the Georgia Department of Public Safety. Said vehicles shall be subject to any special conditions the Georgia Department of Public Safety may list on applicable 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 compliance with restrictions other than those specified in this Executive Order or from any statute, rule, order or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

Permits may be issued by the Georgia Department of Public Safety during normal business hours from 7:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday by calling 1-844-837-5500.

This Executive Order shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days, beginning on May 11, 2017 and ending at 11:59 pm on August 8, 2017.

This 11th day of May, 2017 at 4:00 ~~AM~~/PM.

Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR