



**STATE OF WYOMING  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Order 2019-2**

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wyoming has experienced a catastrophic tunnel collapse and subsequent overflow breach of Fort Laramie Canal in Goshen County, Wyoming on July 17, 2019, resulting in the loss of irrigation water for over 100,000 acres of farmland in Wyoming and Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, this situation may become too large in scope to be handled by the normal county and irrigation district operating services in Goshen County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution and statutes of the State of Wyoming, particularly the provision of the Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 19-13-102 and 19-13-104, and all amendments and supplements thereto, confer upon the Governor of the State of Wyoming and the authority and responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Wyoming Homeland Security Act.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and by the laws of the State of Wyoming, I, Mark Gordon, do hereby order and direct:

1. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security, in accordance with the homeland security plan and program for this state, to take all appropriate and necessary actions, including but not limited to, the partial or full mobilization of homeland security organizations and personnel in response to this actual disaster, to insure the furnishing of adequately trained and equipped forces of homeland security personnel in time of need.
2. The Adjutant General, in accordance with Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 19-9-207(a)(iii), to order to state active duty members of the Wyoming National Guard who, in the Adjutant General's judgment, are necessary to provide aid to those localities where there is a threat or danger to the public health, safety and welfare and to authorize the employment of any supporting vehicles, equipment, communications, or supplies as may be necessary to support the members so ordered.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time it is rescinded.

Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Wyoming this 22nd day of July,  
2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Gordon", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mark Gordon  
Governor