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# Acting Governor Way Declares State of Emergency In Response to Ongoing Jones Road Wildfire

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**TRENTON** – Acting Governor Tahesha Way today declared that New Jersey will enter a State of Emergency effective at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 in response to the active Jones Road Wildfire in the Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area near Lacey, Ocean, and Barnegat Townships in Ocean County. Executive Order No. 387 declares a State of Emergency for Ocean County.

“Yesterday, our State Forest Fire Service informed us of a wildfire in Ocean Township, Ocean County. Due to its accelerated growth, with an estimated burn of 8,500 acres, threatening more than 1,000 structures, requiring the evacuation of residents in the area, and the loss of power to over 25,000 residents, I am declaring a State of Emergency for Ocean County,” **said Acting Governor Way**. “I encourage all residents in the County to continue to monitor the proper channels, and to use caution and follow all safety protocols.”

The Acting Governor encourages New Jerseyans to visit the [New Jersey Forest Fire Service's](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/zciw4m/7ys5259b/jcj0ubb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtbA!NzrVLse-iBO4ZsHkvT2r72Oo8nvEykhFblr16rXGEmqScmmY0Ln5L6EoNDqDghcwTvZJ73YfP_a66X-bTj_oAKoA$) ([https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_https://t.e2ma.net/click/zciw4m/7ys5259b/jcj0ubb\\_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtbA!NzrVLse-iBO4ZsHkvT2r72Oo8nvEykhFblr16rXGEmqScmmY0Ln5L6EoNDqDghcwTvZJ73YfP\\_a66X-bTj\\_oAKoA\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/zciw4m/7ys5259b/jcj0ubb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtbA!NzrVLse-iBO4ZsHkvT2r72Oo8nvEykhFblr16rXGEmqScmmY0Ln5L6EoNDqDghcwTvZJ73YfP_a66X-bTj_oAKoA$)) website and social media pages for important wildfire updates and safety information. Residents should also monitor local forecasts, warnings, and watches.

For a copy of Executive Order No. 387, please [click here](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/zciw4m/7ys5259b/z4j0ubb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtbA!NzrVLse-iBO4ZsHkvT2r72Oo8nvEykhFblr16rXGEmqScmmY0Ln5L6EoNDqDghcwTvZJ73YfP_a66X-bTms2ILC7$) ([https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_https://t.e2ma.net/click/zciw4m/7ys5259b/z4j0ubb\\_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtbA!NzrVLse-iBO4ZsHkvT2r72Oo8nvEykhFblr16rXGEmqScmmY0Ln5L6EoNDqDghcwTvZJ73YfP\\_a66X-bTms2ILC7\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://t.e2ma.net/click/zciw4m/7ys5259b/z4j0ubb_!!J30X0ZrnC1oQtbA!NzrVLse-iBO4ZsHkvT2r72Oo8nvEykhFblr16rXGEmqScmmY0Ln5L6EoNDqDghcwTvZJ73YfP_a66X-bTms2ILC7$)).

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