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Governor Declares Drought Emergency For Part of Southeast Nebraska

Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman has declared a state of emergency due to current drought conditions throughout the state.

Governor Heineman authorized an emergency declaration for statewide drought that allows state personnel and resources to assist with emergency situations and prevention, and allows maximum flexibility to the state to deploy Nebraska National Guard and Nebraska Emergency Management Agency assets and resources as needed.

“This declaration is important for continued efforts of state officials to ensure the safety of Nebraskans,” Gov. Heineman said. “This action is necessary as dry conditions are presenting an imminent threat to the ability of local governments to respond to drought conditions. Additionally, actions such as haying along the roadsides in Nebraska help with drought conditions.”

Additionally, the Governor has directed the Nebraska Department of Roads to advance the starting date for roadside haying from July 15 to July 3 in 55 counties including: Gage, Pawnee, and Richardson.

The Governor and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will continue to monitor the situation throughout the state, as the drought continues.

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