



## Executive Action to Bolster Wildfire Response

By USDA

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke L. Rollins and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum today joined President Donald J. Trump for the signing of Executive Order Empowering Commonsense Wildfire Prevention and Response, at the White House. The newly signed order directs federal agencies to consolidate and streamline federal wildland fire capabilities and enhance local response by adopting practical, technology driven strategies for land management, wildfire mitigation and response. It also directs agencies to modernize wildland firefighting efforts and expand efforts to prevent wildfires from starting in the first place.

“American farmland, forests, and communities have suffered the devastating consequences of slow and inadequate fire response cause by reckless mismanagement and lack of preparedness. President Trump’s suite of executive orders show that this Administration will not sit back and watch the destruction of our forests and property. We have the largest and most well-respected wildland firefighting force in the world, and the Trump Administration is working in lockstep to reduce fire risk and respond quickly to emerging fires. We will keep working to ensure that no American town or family is left vulnerable to wildfires,” said Secretary Rollins.

Secretary Rollins was joined in the Oval Office by U.S. Forest Service Wildland Firefighters, including Forest Supervisor of the National Forest in North Carolina James Melonas, Helena Hotshot Superintendent Charlie Palermo, and Assistant Fire Management Officer of the Flathead National Forest Justin Kaber, for the signing of this Executive Order. On Tuesday, Secretaries Rollins, Burgum and Noem provided President Trump and his key senior leadership a comprehensive briefing on national preparedness efforts ahead of wildfire and hurricane season.

### Key themes discussed during the President’s briefing included:

- Wildfire season outlook
- Federal agency preparedness and resources
- Current wildfire situation
- Canadian wildfire resource mobilization; and
- The Administration’s efforts to increase timber production and unleash American energy



## Honoring the Service of Barbara Clymer to Bethlehem Area School District

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

It was an honor to recognize the retirement of Barbara Clymer, who is celebrating 36 years of service to the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD).

She was presented with a House of Representatives citation on behalf of myself and state Rep. Steve Samuelson. Pictured above is my staffer Bob Kilbanks presenting the citation to Barbara.

Barbara began as a confidential secretary for the district’s human resources department in 1988, moving to the office of the district’s superintendent as a confidential secretary in 2002. Her professionalism and deep understanding of district operations led to her 2007 promotion to administrative assistant to the superintendent. In 2019, she became the assistant to the superintendent for communications, and in 2021, she was appointed the district’s communications coordinator.

Congratulations Barbara for a well-earned retirement!



## Attention Artists!

By Rep. Joe Emrick

America250PA – the organization planning the state’s participation in the United States’ 250th anniversary next year – is seeking submissions from local artists for its “Bells Across PA” art series.

Selected artists will execute their designs on a fiberglass bell sculpture. The goal is to place at least one bell in each of the state’s 67 counties, but the hope is for many more.

Bells Across PA is open to all Pennsylvania artists and groups from the acclaimed to the amateur. Painters, sculptors, craftsmen, multi-media artists and other wildly creative people are all encouraged to apply. Each commissioned bell will receive one honorarium, regardless of group size. Learn more here <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/-uj55Fxl1j0XKtHsUIt-WAjBzs-kj1HkJy7ZcOJYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29t4gSTUlzgvBeoqLLbZPbx-MFm0ozJw>.

