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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Deploying the National Guard to the Eight Mile Fire in Fremont County

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of C.R.S. § 28-3-104, and to Article IV Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, hereby issue this Executive Order employing the National Guard and authorizing the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety to encumber funds from the Resource Mobilization Fund for the purpose of assisting with the response to the Eight Mile Fire in Fremont County, Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On Monday, June 23, 2014, lightning ignited a fire on Bureau of Land Management lands in Fremont County near mile marker 11 on County Road 67. The fire was named the Eight Mile Fire and initial fire management objectives were to confine and contain the fire. By the evening of June 27, 2014, the fire had grown to over 400 acres and the Fremont County Sheriff issued pre-evacuation notices to the sixteen residences in the Red Rocks Subdivision nearby.

An Interagency Type II Incident Management Team was assigned to manage the Eight Mile Fire. On the morning of June 28, 2014, they made a request through the Pueblo Interagency Fire Center for a Colorado National Guard helicopter to be on standby for the emergency removal of assigned personnel for medical purposes. State personnel and the fire managers agreed to make the helicopter available at Buckley Air Force Base. Later in the day on June 28, 2014, the State of Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management received a valid resource order from the Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center with appropriate financial codes committing the Bureau of Land Management to reimburse the State of Colorado for the cost of the helicopter mission. I then verbally approved the Division's request for a National Guard Helicopter at approximately 1100 hours on June 28, 2014.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. My verbal order of June 28, 2014, authorizing the use of the Colorado National Guard for up to 30 days is hereby memorialized and shall have the full force and effect of law as if it were contained in this Executive Order.
- B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-705.4(6), I hereby authorize the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety to encumber \$20,000 from the Resource Mobilization Fund to pay for the use of the National Guard helicopter. Ultimately, the Bureau of Land Management will reimburse the Resource Mobilization Fund for the actual costs expended for the National Guard helicopter and personnel. Further, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-705.4(5), the Emergency Management Director is hereby authorized and directed to allocate these funds to the appropriate government agencies and to execute awards, purchase orders, or other mechanisms to effect the allocation of these funds. These funds shall remain available for this purpose for eighteen months from the date of this Executive Order, and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Resource Mobilization Fund.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from June 28, 2014 unless extended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in paragraph II(B) above shall remain available for the described purposes for eighteen months from the date of this Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this ninth day of
July, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name and title.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor