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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Deploying the National Guard to the Spruce Fire in Rocky Mountain National Park

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 Spruce Fire in Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On Monday, June 30, 2014, a small fire was reported in Rocky Mountain National Park between Fern and Spruce Lakes. This fire, named the Spruce Fire, is in rugged terrain accessible only by air or by foot. By nightfall the fire grew to approximately one acre in size.

The National Park Service assigned an Incident Management Team to manage the Spruce Fire. At approximately 1100 hours on July 1, 2014, the Incident Management Team requested a Colorado National Guard helicopter to be on standby for the emergency removal of people for medical purposes. 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 National Park Service to pay the State of Colorado for the cost of the helicopter mission as part of a shared resource with the Bureau of Land Management for the Eight Mile Fire. State personnel and the fire managers agreed to make the helicopter available as a shared resource at Buckley Air Force Base. I verbally approved the Division's request for a National Guard Helicopter at approximately 1300 hours on July 1, 2014.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. My verbal order of July 1, 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 \$5,000 from the Resource Mobilization Fund to pay for the use of the National Guard helicopter. Ultimately, the National Park Service will reimburse the Resource Mobilization Fund for their share of 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 July 1, 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".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor