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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Deploying the National Guard to the Tonahutu 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 Tonahutu Fire in Rocky Mountain National Park, Grand County, Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On Tuesday, August 12, 2014, a small fire was reported in Rocky Mountain National Park near the Tonahutu Trail. This fire, named the Tonahutu Fire, is in rugged terrain accessible only by air or by foot. By nightfall the fire grew to approximately one acre in size. The probable cause of the fire is lightning.

At approximately 1000 hours on August 13, 2014, the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center requested that the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("DHSEM") place a Colorado National Guard helicopter on standby for the emergency removal of people for medical purposes. DHSEM then made a request to the Governor's Office for approval for use of a National Guard Helicopter. I verbally approved the request at approximately 1030 hours on August 13, 2014. DHSEM subsequently received a valid resource order from the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center committing the National Park Service to reimburse the State of Colorado for the cost of the helicopter mission.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. My verbal order of August 13, 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 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 August 13, 2014, and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Resource Mobilization Fund.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from August 13, 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 August 13, 2014.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twenty-seventh day of
August, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor