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D 2012-045

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order D 2012-044 Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Wetmore Fire

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant relevant portions of C.R.S. § 28-3-104 and relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order D 2012-044 that declared a disaster emergency due emergency due to the wildfire in Custer County, Colorado to include Pueblo County, Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

The Wetmore fire crossed into Pueblo County at about 2200 hours on October 23, 2012 and made two significant pushes into Pueblo County late that night and in the early morning of October 24, 2012 when winds were still strong.

The southeast tip of the fire in Pueblo County will require the use of hand crews to build a fire line and mop up after the fire. County resources do not include either aircraft or hand crews and the fire engines at their disposal cannot be used to access the fire in this area. The resources needed to suppress this portion of the fire are beyond the capability of the Pueblo County, thus it meets the criteria for inclusion in the previously granted Emergency Fire Fund (EFF) approval.

Pueblo County requested transfer of the fire to the State of Colorado under the EEF provisions and the request was approved by the Governor at 1738 hours on October 24, 2012.

II. Declaration and Directives

The Wetmore Fire continues to constitute a disaster emergency under C.R.S. §§ 24-33.5-701, 705. My verbal order of October 24, 2012, declaring the disaster emergency to include Pueblo County, in addition to Custer County, is hereby memorialized by this Executive Order and shall have the full force and effect of law as if it were contained within this Executive Order.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from October 24, 2012, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2012-044 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this twenty-fifth day of October, 2012.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor