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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Declaring a Disaster Emergency Due to the Roatcap 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 issues this Executive Order declaring of a state of disaster emergency due to the wildfire in Montezuma County, Colorado and making resources available to fight the fire.

I. Background and Purpose

On October 24, 2012 at approximately 1200 hours, the Roatcap Fire started in an area generally located between Cortez and Town of Dolores in Montezuma County. This wind-driven fire quickly grew in size and intensity, prompting the evacuation of 30-40 homes and threatening about 30 others. All available firefighting resources were committed to structural protection.

At 1516 hours on October 24, 2012, Montezuma County declared the fire to be a local disaster emergency. At 1645 hours the Montezuma County Sheriff determined that the fire exceeded the ability of the county and other local resources to contain and extinguish the fire and requested transfer of the fire to the State of Colorado under the Emergency Fire Fund (EFF) provisions.

At 2100 hours the Division of Fire Prevention and Control completed its assessment and determined that the fire met the criteria for EFF designation. The EFF request was approved by the Governor at 2120 hours on October 24, 2012.

II. Declaration and Directives

A. The Roatcap Fire constitutes a disaster emergency under C.R.S. §§ 24-33.5-701, 705. My verbal order of October 24, 2012, declaring a disaster emergency 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.

B. The State Emergency Operations Plan is hereby activated. All State departments and agencies shall take whatever actions may be required and requested by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, including provision of appropriate staff and equipment as necessary. The Director of the Office of Emergency Management is hereby authorized and directed to allocate the funding to the appropriate government agencies and execute awards, purchase orders or other mechanisms to effect the allocation of the funds. These funds shall remain available for this purpose for one year from the date of this Executive Order, and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Disaster Emergency Fund.

C. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-706(4), it is ordered that $250,000 from the Disaster Emergency Fund is encumbered to pay for the fire suppression, response, and recovery effort related to the Roatcap Fire since its inception.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from October 24, 2012, unless extended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in paragraph II(C) above shall remain available for the described purposes for one year from the date of this Executive Order.

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

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor