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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Authorization of Availability of Funds for Multiple Wildfires That Occurred in Colorado during 2010 and 2011

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-700, *et seq.*, and specifically C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending the availability of funds to pay costs associated with the disaster emergencies due to wildfires that occurred in Colorado during 2010 and 2011.

I. Background and Purpose

A number of wildfires requiring a declaration of a disaster emergency occurred in Colorado during calendar years 2010 and 2011. 2011 was the largest amount since calendar year 2003. So far, in 2012, multiple major wildfires have resulted in six deaths, the loss of over six hundred homes, and significant damage to critical infrastructure, forest land, and agricultural assets. In addition, the state transferred wildfire suppression from Colorado State University to the Department of Public Safety and Emergency Management from the Department of Local Affairs to the Department of Public Safety. All of these events resulted in final payments for 2010 and 2011 fires not being completed prior to the expiration dates contained in the associated executive orders. This Executive Order extends the expiration dates of the previously approved funding for these wildfires.

Specifically this Executive Order extends the funding for the following wildfires and their associated Executive Orders:

- Reservoir Fire - Executive Orders D 2010-014, D 2011-033 and D 2012-003
- Indian Gulch Fire - D 2011-008
- Crystal Fire - D 2011-010 and D 2011-011

- Bear and Purgatoire Fire - D 2011-015
- Navajo Fire - D 2011-021
- Shell and Brice Fire - D 2011-022
- Duckett Fire- D 2011-023
- Track Fire - D 2011-024

II. Declaration and Directives

In addition to the declarations and directives contained in the Executive Orders cited above, I declare and direct, as follows:

A. I extend the funding in the Disaster Emergency Fund provided in the cited executive orders until June 30, 2013 to facilitate final payments of the expenses associated with these wildfires. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are authorized and directed to allocate the funding to the appropriate resources.

B. Any unexpended funds remaining after final payments or on July 1, 2013, whichever occurs first, will be allocated as provided in the cited executive orders.

III. Duration

The funds made available in the cited executive orders cited shall remain available until June 30, 2013, and in all other respects the cited executive orders shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this second
day of November, 2012.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor