

# STATE OF COLORADO

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John W. Hickenlooper  
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## D 2012-042

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### **Accessing and Designating Moneys in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund for Wildfire Preparedness Activities**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions the Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-1226, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order accessing and designating moneys in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund for wildfire preparedness activities in the area of the Lower North Fork Fire.

#### I. Background and Purpose

The Lower North Fork Fire started on Monday, March 26, 2012 and was declared a Disaster Emergency in Executive Order D 2012-007, on March 30, 2012. The fire was 100 percent contained on April 2, 2012.

Executive Order D 2012-007 provided Jefferson County with \$195,000 for recovery operations. These funds were dedicated to sanitation services, public safety activities, reclamation to protect a regional trail, fuels mitigation equipment, emergency management liaison services and Disaster Recovery Center operations.

In the subsequent period, additional preparedness needs were identified. These needs include removing hazardous trees from various lands affected by the fire and the need to fell burned trees and mulch or remove them, in order to remove hazardous fuels.

#### II. Declaration and Directives

Pursuant to the Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-1226, \$1.3 million in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund is designated for wildfire preparedness activities in the area of the Lower North Fork Fire. The Director of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control working in conjunction with the Director of Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency

Management is hereby authorized and directed to allocate that funding to the appropriate government agencies. Those funds shall remain available expressly for this purpose for eighteen months from the date of this Executive Order, and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated or amended by further by Executive Order.



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

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

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor