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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Open Burning and Fireworks Ban on State Lands

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 23-30-308 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order directing state agencies to prohibit open fires, including the use of fireworks, on all state lands.

1. Background and Need.

There is no longer a need to speculate as to the level of fire danger within the State of Colorado. The state continues to experience severe drought conditions and we are in the midst of an extremely active wildfire season. To date, 510 fires have burned 42,083 acres during the very early part of the 2002 fire season.

Given the present conditions of extreme fire danger, it is necessary to temporarily restrict human activities that have the potential of igniting a wildfire on our state lands. In response, this Executive Order bans open burning, including the use of fireworks, on all state lands.

2. Mission and Scope.

A. I hereby order each state agency to ban open burning on lands under each agency's jurisdiction or control.

B. For purposes of this order, "open burning" is defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fireworks and any other activity that poses a significant risk of starting a fire on state lands.

C. For purposes of this order, "open burning" does not include:

- i. fires contained within liquid fueled or gas-fueled stoves;
- ii. fireplaces within buildings; and
- iii. permanent fire structures on developed or improved picnic grounds or campsites; and
- iv. prescribed or controlled burning for agricultural or irrigation purposes if approved in writing by the director of the administering agency overseeing the state land at issue.

3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or terminated by further executive order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this 4th
day of June, 2002.

Bill Owens
Governor