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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Declaring a Statewide Ban on Open Burning and the Sale and Use of Fireworks

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 Sections 23-30-308, 24-20-20-108, and 24-32-2100 *et seq.* of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado.

1. Background and Need.

On June 4th, 2002, I issued Executive Order D 012 02 banning open burning on state lands. Since that time, approximately 200,000 acres have burned in the State of Colorado. Today, I issued Executive Order D 014 02, declaring a statewide disaster emergency due to the occurrence of and imminent threat of wildfires.

Additional measures are warranted to respond to this extreme risk and occurrence of wildfires caused by human activities. After thorough investigation and evaluation of the fire risk, I conclude that I must take action to minimize the serious danger to public health presented by open burning and the use of fireworks.

In response, this Executive Order bans open burning throughout the State of Colorado and bans the sale and use of all fireworks.

2. Mission and Scope.

I hereby order the following:

A. A statewide ban on open burning.

- i) For purposes of this order, “open burning” is defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, and the use of any fireworks.
- ii) For purposes of this order, “open burning” does not include:
 - a) gas or charcoal grills located at private residences;
 - b) fireplaces within buildings;

- c) professional commercial fireworks displays;
- d) prescribed burning ditches for irrigate pastures and croplands.

B. A statewide ban on the sale and use of fireworks.

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 10th
Day of June, 2002.

Bill Owens
Governor