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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Proclamation

Prohibiting Open Burning

WHEREAS, the forest resources of Colorado form an important part of our economy, provide for protection of watersheds, provide forage for livestock and refuge for wildlife, provide recreational opportunities, and enhance the beauty of our State; and

WHEREAS, wildfires endanger these forest resources, real and personal property, and the lives of residents and visitors to forested and wildland areas; and

WHEREAS, extremely dry, hot, and windy weather conditions have created an extreme fire hazard in forested and brush areas of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, numerous fires are now beginning to occur in the forests of Colorado,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, in accordance with Chapter 23-30-308, CRS 1973, do hereby declare that an extreme fire hazard and fire emergency exists in the forested portions east of Interstate Highway 25 in Douglas, Elbert, and El Paso Counties, and all of Colorado west of Interstate Highway 25.

FURTHER, I hereby require that beginning immediately the following is prohibited until further notice by all citizens and visitors in the aforementioned areas:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using any open fire or campfire except in permanent stoves, fireplaces, or fire rings in developed recreation sites.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building or developed recreation site, or while in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
3. Entry or travel off paved highways without the following tools: an axe, a shovel, and a one-gallon bucket or water container.

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