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# State of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DENVER

RICHARD D. LAMM  
Governor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

### DISASTER EMERGENCY FOR GRASSHOPPER INFESTATION

- WHEREAS, Colorado's farmers and ranchers contribute more than \$3 billion annually to the economy of the state; and
- WHEREAS, this economy may be threatened by a serious infestation of grasshoppers; and
- WHEREAS, the 1982 survey of adult grasshoppers revealed that 4,370,000 acres of rangeland were infested at eight or more grasshoppers per square yard and that an additional 5,517,500 acres were infested at the threatening level of three to seven grasshoppers per square yard; and
- WHEREAS, such levels of infestation evidence a high risk potential for a serious grasshopper infestation during the 1983 growing season; and
- WHEREAS, such infestation would jeopardize the economic viability of agricultural counties throughout Colorado and constitutes an imminent threat of severe loss of property in this region; and
- WHEREAS, immediate action is required to determine the extent and magnitude of such infestation; and
- WHEREAS, I find that the threat of a disaster is imminent because of the aforesaid infestation of grasshoppers in the many counties of Colorado; and
- WHEREAS, I find that the aforementioned conditions constitute a threat to the public safety and welfare of the state and create a disaster emergency situation within the meaning of section 28-2-104, C.R.S. 1973;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the provisions of section 28-2-104, C.R.S. 1973, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

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1. A state of disaster emergency is hereby declared so that aid, assistance and relief may be made available, pursuant to the provisions of state law, for all counties in the State of Colorado except the following: Chaffee, Clear Creek, Denver, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Jackson, Lake, Mineral, Ouray, Pitkin, San Juan and Summit.
2. The provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders, rules or regulations of any state agency shall be suspended if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.
3. The Colorado Department of Agriculture is hereby directed to immediately plan and implement a grasshopper infestation survey and eradication program in cooperation with the affected counties.
4. This state of disaster emergency shall terminate 30 days after the effective date of this order, unless extended by executive order.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this eighteenth day  
of May, A.D., 1983.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Lamm".

Richard D. Lamm  
Governor

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