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EXECUTIVE ORDER

DISASTER EMERGENCY IN
 CHEYENNE, LINCOLN AND ELBERT COUNTIES



Roy Romer
 Governor

WHEREAS, the disastrous fire occurring at Kit Carson, Colorado, on April 23, 1987, resulting in the destruction of the bridge across Wild Horse Creek has created serious and emergent disruption to commerce and transportation in Cheyenne, Lincoln and Elbert Counties, by severance of one of the most significant interstate truck and farm to market routes in eastern Colorado and by alienating the homes of many residents from their place of business or source of livelihood; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the economic aspects, serious adverse safety conditions have been inflicted on local residents due to loss of fire and medical protection; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take immediate steps to provide a detour around the damaged bridge, to remove the damaged structure to facilitate replacement of the bridge and to proceed immediately with the design of a replacement structure; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned disastrous fire constitutes a catastrophe as is contemplated by the terms of Sections 120 and 125 of Title 23, U.S. Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim an emergency to exist within the counties of Cheyenne, Lincoln and Elbert as a result of the fire of April 23, 1987, and consequent disruption of commerce and transportation of the area and the creation on adverse safety conditions to local residents resulting from loss of fire and medical protection; that the immediate restoration of vehicular traffic service via a detour and the immediate removal of the damaged structure and construction of a replacement facility is vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of the State of Colorado; and that the Secretary of Transportation of the United States is hereby requested to concur in the declaration of this emergency.

Given under my hand and
 the Executive Seal of the
 State of Colorado, this
 22nd day of May, 1987.

Roy Romer
 Governor

