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## STATE OF COLORADO

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Roy Romer Governor

## BAN ON OPEN BURNING IN DESIGNATED AREAS OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, summer and autumn traditionally are periods of high forest and brush fire activity in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, open burning can be a prime cause of forest and brush fires in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, conditions of extreme fire hazard now exist in certain parts of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the county sheriffs of Colorado and the Colorado State Forest Service, in consultation with the U.S. Forest Service, the Colorado Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, have requested an immediate ban on open burning in certain areas of Colorado;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws and Constitution of Colorado, including specifically C.R.S. 23-30-308, DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. Open burning is prohibited in the following counties in Colorado, also see map attached EXHIBIT A:

Adams, Alamosa, Arapahoe, Archuleta, Baca, Boulder, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Clear Creek, Conejos, Costilla, Crowley, Custer, Delta, Denver, Dolores, Douglas, Eagle, Elbert, El Paso, Fremont, Garfield, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Huerfano, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Kit Carson, Lake, La Plata, Larimer, Las Animas, Lincoln, Logan, Mesa, Mineral, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Otero, Ouray, Phillips, Pitkin, Prowers, Pueblo, Rio Blanco, Rio Grande, Routt, Saguache, San Juan, San Miguel, Sedgwick, Summit, Teller, Washington, Weld, and Yuma.

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2. For purposes of this order, "open burning" shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fused explosives, fireworks of all kinds or brands, and the prescribed burning of fence rows, fields, wildlands, trash, and debris. This order excludes public, commercial fireworks displays and the use of fireworks within city limits.

This order excludes fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves, fireplaces within buildings, charcoal grill fires at private residences, and permanent fire pits or fire grates located on developed picnic grounds and campgrounds.

- 3. The burning of irrigation ditches in the designated areas also is prohibited by this order EXCEPT for ditches located within and completely surrounded by irrigated farmlands where such burning is necessary for crop survival and specific written approval has been granted in advance by the sheriff of the respective county.
- and hot ashes from anv 4. Because sparks source fire hazard, smoking outside contribute to incorporated city limits is strongly discouraged EXCEPT within an enclosed motor vehicle, building, or developed picnic grounds and campgrounds.
- 5. This order shall be enforced by the sheriffs of the respective counties or by the administering agencies of the federal lands located therein. An exemption to this order shall be granted only by the sheriff of the respective county, or within federal lands by the administering federal agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by said sheriff or agency to be safe or mitigable.

6. These restrictions on open burning in Colorado shall be in effect beginning 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 1994, and shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado this 29th day of

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June, 1994

Roy Romer Governor

