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Roy Romer
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY DUE TO THE IMMINENT THREAT OF FLOODING AND LANDSLIDES

- WHEREAS, the current statewide snowpack is over three-hundred fifty percent (350%) of average; and
- WHEREAS, this statewide snowpack amount is similar to that of both 1984 and 1993, when Colorado experienced significant flooding and landslides; and
- WHEREAS, the cool temperatures and precipitation patterns of the past few weeks have inhibited the spring snow melt run-off and contributed to wet conditions at lower elevations around the state, increasing the potential for serious flooding and landslides; and
- WHEREAS, the National Weather Service informs me that weather forecasts for the coming weeks indicate that the threat of heavy storms continues, which could lead to flash flooding; and
- WHEREAS, as a result of these conditions, flooding and landslides have already occurred in some parts of the state, and the threat of further flooding and landslides is imminent; and
- WHEREAS, the state and its local governments are responsible for taking action to mitigate the impacts of, prepare for, respond to, and recover from events that may be caused by this imminent threat; and
- WHEREAS, this imminent threat of flooding and landslides constitutes an imminent threat of a disaster emergency; and
- WHEREAS, this threat has been validated to me by the Flood Task Force, which is comprised of state and federal agencies; and
- WHEREAS, the demands placed upon the funds regularly appropriated to state and local agencies to address the imminent threat described above are unreasonably great, and the moneys available in the disaster emergency fund are insufficient to cope with this continued threat of flooding and landslides; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to §24-32-2106, C.R.S., the Governor may make funds available from the state Disaster Emergency Fund and may transfer and expend moneys appropriated for other purposes to meet the needs of the disaster emergency, if the funds regularly appropriated to state and local agencies are insufficient; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Disaster Emergency Council concurs with the findings and actions set forth in this Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the conditions under which funds can be made available and used to meet the needs of a disaster emergency have been satisfied as a result of the occurrence and imminent threat of emergency described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, including §28-32-2104, C.R.S., the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992, Do Hereby Declare that a state of disaster emergency exists in the State of Colorado, due to the reasons set forth above, and therefore DO HEREBY ORDER THAT:

1. The State Emergency Operations Plan be activated.
2. Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) be transferred from the state's General Fund unrestricted reserve into the State Disaster Emergency Fund from sources identified by the State Office of Planning and Budgeting to support the state's mitigation, preparedness, initial emergency response activities, and disaster emergency needs as a result of flooding or landslides.
3. Up to fifty-six thousand dollars (\$56,000) from the fund be made available to the State Office of Emergency Management, Department of Local Affairs, to support the state's mitigation, preparedness, and initial emergency response activities. The Office of Emergency Management shall provide an accounting for the expenditure of any funds expended pursuant to this Executive Order to the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Governor within 30 days of expenditure of such funds.

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4. These funds shall be replaced from the fiscal year 1994-1995 General Fund reversions when they become available.
5. The Fund balance shall remain in this account until December 31, 1995, when funds not expended for the purposes intended herein shall revert to the state General Fund.
6. Any additional fund expenditures beyond those authorized in Item 3 shall not be expended without the approval of either the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Governor or the Director of the Office of State Planning and Budgeting.
7. On or before January 1, 1996, a report shall be provided to the Governor, the State Disaster Emergency Council, and the General Assembly detailing the expenditures from the Disaster Emergency Fund.
8. All state departments and institutions are directed to intensify their preparedness and mitigation efforts to address these potential natural hazards, and to respond to those events that may occur. These efforts shall be coordinated with the Office of Emergency Management.
9. This Executive Order shall expire in thirty (30) days unless otherwise extended.

Given under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State
of Colorado, this 8th
day of June, 1995.



Roy Romer
Governor

