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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer
Governor

DECLARING A DISASTER EMERGENCY AND ORDERING TO STATE ACTIVE DUTY PART OF THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD.

WHEREAS, wildfires broke out in several locations in the State of Colorado on May 18, 1996; and

WHEREAS, wildfires quickly increased from a few acres to several thousand acres, threatening to burn out of control; and

WHEREAS, numerous fire fighters were involved in fighting the fires and it became obvious that Colorado National Guard resources were needed to assist in preventing the spread of the fire; and

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding exists between the United States Forest Service and the State of Colorado for use of National Guard resources in these circumstances without cost to the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service provided proper and adequate justification for the request as required by the Memorandum of Understanding and agreed to pay all costs resulting from the use of the National Guard; and

WHEREAS, this justification and the recitals made above were verified to me by the Adjutant General of Colorado.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, under the authority vested in me under Section 24-33.5-704, C.R.S., of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1973, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THAT:

1. A state of disaster emergency exists for the reasons set forth above, and confirm my verbal orders issued on May 18, 1996, that under the provisions of 28-3-104, C. R. S., the Adjutant General of Colorado order to State Active Duty, without pay, volunteer personnel of the Colorado National Guard in accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Forest Service and the State of Colorado for a period not to exceed thirty days to respond to wildfire problems within the State of Colorado.

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2. The Adjutant General shall determine the number of individuals assigned to this duty, and equipment deployed in this matter.
3. This executive order shall expire after thirty (30) days, unless otherwise extended.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this twenty-third day of
May, 1996.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer
Governor