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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Roy Romer
Governor

DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY IN JEFFERSON COUNTY DUE TO ROAD CLOSURES CAUSED BY LANDSLIDES

- WHEREAS, significant monsoon summer rains have impacted much of Colorado's front range and eastern plains which resulted in a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration in several Colorado Counties; and
- WHEREAS, these rains have created super saturated soils and unstable ground conditions; and
- WHEREAS, these conditions have caused rain induced landslides resulting in the blockage of federal-aid highways in Jefferson County, including U.S. Highway 285 near Tiny Town, Colorado, causing isolation of communities and creating life threatening situations for individuals; and
- WHEREAS, the conditions which caused this situation continue to exist and are exacerbated by potential rainfall; and
- WHEREAS, these conditions are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the Colorado Department of Transportation and others; and
- WHEREAS, these conditions constitute an emergency as 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, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim an emergency to exist in Jefferson County as a result of landslides and consequent danger to life and property including federal-aid highways. Further, I find that the immediate repair and restoration of damaged highways in this area is vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of the State of Colorado and therefore direct the Colorado Department of Transportation to take all actions necessary, including seeking federal assistance, to address this situation.



Given under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado on this 9th day of September, 1997

Roy Romer
Governor