

D 2011-11

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending the Declaration of a Disaster Emergency Due to the Crystal Fire in Larimer County

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act of 1992, C.R.S. § 24-32-2100, *et seq.*, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issues this Executive Order reaffirming the earlier declaration of a state of disaster emergency due to the wildfire in Larimer County, Colorado and authorize the National Guard to provide assistance in responding to the fire.

I. Background and Purpose

On Friday, April 1, 2011, a wildfire ("Crystal Fire") broke out in Larimer County approximately 10 miles northwest of Masonville. As of the morning of April 7th, the fire has spread to approximately 3,200 acres, including federal and private lands. Approximately 15 homes have been destroyed in addition to a large number of vehicles and outbuildings. Because of the fire's size and proximity to numerous residences in Redstone Canyon, Stringtown Gulch, and the area south of Rist Canyon and East of Stover Prairie, an aggressive response is essential. Approximately twenty agencies, including the Colorado State Forest Service, the U.S. Forest Service, Larimer County and local emergency teams, have responded to the wildfire by deploying a variety of resources, including over 200 firefighters, 36 engines, two air tankers, and three helicopters. In response to this disaster, on April 3, 2011, I declared a disaster emergency. The personnel who are responding to this fire need the assistance of the Colorado National Guard, and this Executive Order directs the Colorado National Guard to provide such assistance.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. The Crystal Fire hereby continues to constitute a disaster emergency for purposes of C.R.S. § 24-32-2103.
- B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-32-2104(6) and § 28-3-104, as commander-in-chief of military forces, I hereby employ and call to active duty certain elements of the Colorado National Guard as may be necessary to respond

to this disaster, and delegate command authority to the Adjutant General of the Colorado Department of Military. I order the Adjutant General of the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Director of the Colorado Division of Emergency Management to coordinate activities between their respective department and division as necessary to respond to this disaster emergency and execute the directives contained in this Executive Order.

III. Duration

Executive Order D 2011-010 remains in full force and effect as originally promulgated. This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from its date of signature unless extended further by Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this seventh day of
April, 2011.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor