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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Activating the National Guard for the Purpose of Firefighting Assistance regarding the Lower North Fork Fire and Activating the State Emergency Operations Plan

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Colorado Constitution, article IV, sections 5 and 13 and C.R.S. § 28-3-104, Joseph A. Garcia, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issues this Executive Order activating the National Guard for the purposes of protecting life and property and public health and safety.

I. Declaration and Directives

- A. On March 27, 2012, it was brought to the attention of the administration that a fire was threatening homes and property southwest of Denver in forested mountain terrain south of Aspen Park, Colorado. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office requested the firefighting assistance of the State. The National Guard possesses equipment and personnel to provide such assistance. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 28-3-104, I verbally authorized the activation of the National Guard to assist in fighting this fire. This Executive Order memorializes my verbal order.
- B. The State Emergency Operations Plan is hereby activated pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-32-2502. All State departments and agencies shall take whatever actions may be required and requested by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management or the Colorado State Forest Service, including provision of appropriate staff and equipment as necessary.

II. Duration

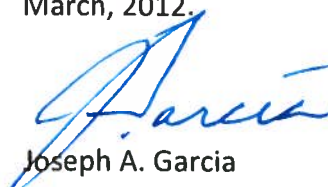
This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from March 27, 2012 unless extended further by Executive Order.

III. Lieutenant Governor

I am executing this Executive Order pursuant to the Colorado Constitution, article IV, section 13(5) as Governor John W. Hickenlooper is currently traveling outside of the State of Colorado.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twenty-seventh day of
March, 2012.



Joseph A. Garcia
Lieutenant Governor