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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Deploying the National Guard to the Bullet Fire in Eagle County

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to relevant portions of C.R.S. § 28-3-104, and to Article IV Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, John W. Hickenlooper, hereby issue this Executive Order deploying the National Guard and authorizing the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety to encumber funds from the Resource Mobilization Fund for the purpose of assisting with the response to the Bullet Fire in Eagle County, Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On Wednesday, July 23, 2014, lightning ignited a fire on Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") lands in Eagle County. The fire was named the Bullet Fire, and the initial fire management objectives were to confine and contain the fire. The fire was burning in rugged terrain and a Type 1 initial attack helicopter was needed to contain the fire. Unfortunately, due to other fire activity in the region and throughout the western United States, no Type 1 helicopters were available. As a result, BLM personnel made a request to the High Altitude Aviation Training Site ("HAATS") for a National Guard helicopter with bucket capability and associated personnel. Pursuant to his authority under Department of Defense Directive 3025.18, the Commander of HAATS authorized a Colorado National Guard helicopter and associated personnel to respond. This directive requires that "civil authorities shall be informed that oral requests for assistance in an emergency must be followed by a written request that includes an offer to reimburse the Department of Defense at the earliest available opportunity."

Later in the day of July 23, 2014, the BLM made an official request to the State of Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management ("DHSEM") through Grand Junction Interagency Dispatch Center for use of the Colorado National Guard helicopter for fire suppression. DHSEM then made a request for use of a National Guard Helicopter to the Governor's Office. Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia, acting on behalf of the Governor, then verbally approved the request at approximately 1557 hours on July 23, 2014. DHSEM

subsequently received a valid resource order from the Grand Junction Interagency Dispatch Center committing the BLM to reimburse the State of Colorado for the cost of the helicopter mission. The use of the Colorado National Guard helicopter was successful and the fire was contained on July 23, 2014.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia's verbal order of July 23, 2014, authorizing the use of the Colorado National Guard for up to 30 days, is hereby memorialized and shall have the full force and effect of law as if it were contained in this Executive Order.

- B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-705.4(6), I hereby authorize the Executive Director of the Department of Public Safety to encumber \$15,000 from the Resource Mobilization Fund to pay for the use of the National Guard helicopter. Ultimately, the BLM will reimburse the Resource Mobilization Fund for the actual costs expended for the National Guard helicopter and personnel. Further, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-705.4(5), the Emergency Management Director is hereby authorized and directed to allocate these funds to the appropriate government agencies and to execute awards, purchase orders, or other mechanisms to effect the allocation of these funds. These funds shall remain available for this purpose for eighteen months from July 23, 2014, and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Resource Mobilization Fund.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from July 23, 2014, unless extended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in paragraph II(B) above shall remain available for the described purposes for eighteen months from July 23, 2014.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this thirtieth day of
July, 2014.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper", is written over the text of the signature line.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

