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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Implementing the Wildfire Preparedness Plan for 2015 and Designating Moneys in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund for Wildfire Preparedness Activities

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 24-33.5-1227(1)(b), I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order implementing the 2015 Wildfire Preparedness Plan and designating moneys in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund for wildfire preparedness activities.

I. Background and Purpose

The Director ("Director") of the Division of Fire Prevention and Control ("Division") is required to develop an annual Wildfire Preparedness Plan in collaboration with the County Sheriffs of Colorado, the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, and the Adjutant General. C.R.S. § 24-33.5-1227(2)(a).

The Wildfire Preparedness Plan shall be designed to address the following:

- (1) The amount of aerial firefighting resources necessary for the State of Colorado at times of high and low wildfire risk;
- (2) The availability of appropriate aerial firefighting equipment and personnel at times of high fire risk to respond to a wildfire;
- (3) The availability of state wildfire engines and staffing of the engines at different levels of wildfire risk;
- (4) The availability of wildfire hand crews, including state inmate wildfire hand crews, at different levels of wildfire risk; and
- (5) A process for ordering and dispatching aerial firefighting equipment and personnel that is consistent with, and supportive of, the statewide all-hazards resource mobilization plan prepared pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-705.4.

The Wildfire Preparedness Plan shall also provide recommendations on the use of the Wildfire Preparedness Fund created in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-1227(1)(a).

The Director prepared a draft of the Wildfire Preparedness Plan on March 26, 2015, which was to be submitted to the Governor and the Members of the General Assembly pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-1227(b). However, the draft could not be finalized because the Advisory Committee on Wildland Fire and Prescribed Fire Matters (“Advisory Committee”) did not meet in March due to the absence of a quorum. The Director submitted a finalized plan to the Advisory Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2015. The Advisory Committee adopted the plan, and the Director submitted it to the Governor and Members of the General Assembly on April 30, 2014. The Wildfire Preparedness Plan reflects the collaboration of the County Sheriffs of Colorado, the Colorado State Fire Chiefs’ Association, the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, and the Adjutant General.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. The Division is hereby directed to implement the Wildfire Preparedness Plan for 2015 and carry out the wildfire preparedness activities identified therein.
- B. The Division shall use the moneys in the Wildfire Preparedness Fund to implement and carry out the wildfire preparedness activities identified in the 2015 Wildfire Preparedness Plan, as is necessary.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire upon issuing an Executive Order or Proclamation implementing the Wildfire Preparedness Plan for 2016, or upon rescission by subsequent Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this fifteenth
day of May, 2015.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

