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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency Due to Severe Weather, Associated Flooding, and a Landslide on State Highway 13 and Extending the Availability of Funds

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant relevant portions of C.R.S. § 28-3-104 and relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending the Declaration of Disaster Emergency due to the Severe Weather, Associated Flooding, and a Landslide on State Highway 13.

I. Background and Purpose

The Governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by disasters. C.R.S. § 24-33.5-704. The Colorado Disaster Emergency Act defines a disaster as “the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damages, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural cause or cause of human origin, including but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm....” C.R.S. §24-33.5-703(3).

On July 7, 2015, Colorado submitted a request to the President of the United States of America for a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 *et. seq.*, based upon widespread damages that occurred across eleven counties in Colorado. On July 16, 2015, the President approved the request. This presidential disaster declaration makes federal funds available, including Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant funds, to affected communities and will help restore and rebuild them. Not all damages were immediately apparent during the disaster due to high water levels within various river basins, and efforts are underway throughout the affected counties to fully assess and document these damages. Consequently, the counties of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Larimer, and Park reported damages that occurred after the presidential disaster declaration.

This Executive Order extends the declaration of Disaster Emergency and supports the critical and ongoing damage assessments across multiple counties, along with initial recovery efforts.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. The severe weather resulting in the occurrence of persistent flooding, tornadoes, sinkholes, subsidence, erosion, landslides, debris flows, and associated agricultural impacts and infrastructure damage continues to constitute a disaster emergency under C.R.S. § 24 33.5-701, *et. seq.* The declarations and directives found in Executive Order D 2015-005 are hereby extended an additional 30 days from July 9, 2015.
- B. Section III of Executive Order D 2015-005 is amended to read: "This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from July 9, 2015, unless extended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in paragraph II (D) above shall remain available for the described purposes until December 31, 2020."

III. Duration

Executive Order D 2015-005 remains in full force and effect as originally promulgated, except as amended by this Executive Order. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until amended or rescinded by further Executive Order.



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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor