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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending the Availability of Existing Funds and Providing Additional Funding for the Cedar Knob Fire

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, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.*, I, Governor John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending the availability of funds and providing additional funds to pay for costs associated with the disaster emergency due to the 2012 Cedar Knob Fire.

I. Background and Purpose

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

In July 2012, Moffat County had multiple fire starts, which came to be known as the Cedar Knob Fire and related Moffat County Fires. Moffat County requested State assistance to help with fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts related to the Cedar Knob fire and other wildfires in Moffat County. Moffat County worked with the Bureau of Land Management to utilize federal resources to assist.

This Office declared a disaster emergency due to the Cedar Knob Fire in Executive Order D 2012-051. In that Executive Order, I encumbered \$110,000 in the Disaster Emergency Fund for fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts in connection with the Cedar Knob Fire and related Moffat County Fires. Pursuant to Executive Order D 2012-051, the funds were available until January 2014.

As recovery efforts progressed, the Colorado Department of Public Safety determined that it required additional time and resources to address sufficiently the impacts of the Cedar Knob Fire and related Moffat County Fires. Accordingly, the Department of Public Safety has requested an additional \$1,851 to assist with the recovery efforts and requested that funds be available through

December 31, 2016. Finding good cause, I hereby make the following declarations and directives relating to the funding of the Cedar Knob Fire and related Moffat County Fires.

II. **Declaration and Directives**

- A. I hereby encumber an additional \$1,851 in the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts related to the Cedar Knob Fire and related Moffat County Fires. I also extend the funding in the Disaster Emergency Fund provided in paragraph II(C) of Executive Order D 2012-051 until December 31, 2016 to facilitate final payments of the expenses associated with the Cedar Knob Fire and related Moffat County Fires. The Division of Fire Prevention and Control and the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management are authorized and directed to allocate the funding to the appropriate resources as may be appropriate and permitted by law.

III. **Duration**

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 seventeenth day of February 2017.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor