

# STATE OF COLORADO

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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 Stuart Hole 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 to pay for costs associated with the disaster emergency due to the June 2012 Stuart Hole 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 June 2012, the Stuart Hole Fire started in Larimer County near the Cherokee Meadows community and the Boxer Ranch Subdivision. The fire grew rapidly being fueled by extremely dry vegetation, low relative humidity, high temperatures, and windy conditions. This Office declared a disaster emergency due to the Stuart Hole Fire in Executive Order D 2012-017. In that Executive Order, I transferred \$200,000 to the Disaster Emergency Fund from the General Fund appropriations and encumbered those funds for fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts in connection with the Stuart Hole Fire. Pursuant to Executive Order D 2012-017, the funds were available until June 2013.

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 Stuart Hole Fire. Accordingly, the Department of Public Safety requested an additional \$22,416 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 for the Stuart Hole Fire recovery efforts.

II. Declaration and Directives

- A. I hereby encumber an additional \$22,416 in the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for fire suppression, response, and recovery efforts related to the Stuart Hole Fire. I also extend the funding in the Disaster Emergency Fund provided in paragraph II(C) of Executive Order D 2012-017 until December 31, 2016 to facilitate final payments of the expenses associated with the Stuart Hole Fire. 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, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor