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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order D 2011-024 to Extend the Availability of Existing Funds for the Track Fire in Las Animas 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 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 amending Executive Order D 2011-024 to extend the availability of funds for recovery from the wildfire in Las Animas County, Colorado.

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).

On June 12, 2011, a wildfire (“Track Fire”) crossed the New Mexico – Colorado border into Las Animas County approximately 10 miles south of Trinidad. As of the evening of June 13, the fire had spread to approximately 1,000 acres on private lands within Colorado. As of June 14 the Track Fire had grown to 24,658 acres (6,369 on the Colorado side of the state line). The Track Fire’s proximity to Trinidad, Starkville, Raton, the Santa Fe Trails Ranch Subdivision, and Interstate Highway 25 posed an imminent danger to life and property and, therefore, constituted a disaster. I declared a disaster emergency on June 13, 2011 and provided funding for recovery efforts in D 2011-024.

Due to the great destructive nature of the Track Fire, many projects were not yet complete by the time the funding expired in July 2012. I therefore extended funding for the Track Fire in D 2012-047 and again in D 2013-014. Despite these extensions, additional funding is needed for projects that reached closeout on or before December 31, 2016. This Executive Order therefore extends the availability of Disaster Emergency Funds to provide adequate funding for recovery efforts in connection with the Track Fire.

II. Amendment

The last sentence in Section II(c) of Executive Order D 2011-024 is amended to read as follows:

These funds shall remain available for this purpose for expenses incurred on or before December 31, 2016, and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Disaster Emergency Fund.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2011-024 shall remain in full force and effect.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 8th day of
June, 2017

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

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor