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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order D 2011-022 to Extend the Availability of Existing Funds for the Shell Fire Complex 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 2011-022 to extend the availability of funds for recovery from the wildfires 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 7, 2011, two wildfires (“Shell Fire” and “Brice Fire”) were reported on private land in Las Animas County. As of the evening of June 8, the fires had spread to approximately 9,000 acres on private lands. Two additional wildfires started on June 7 to the west of the Shell and Brice fires on federal land. On June 12, a fifth fire (“Mesa de Maya Fire”) was reported southwest of the town of Kim. Together, the Shell, Brice, and Mesa de Maya Fires were managed under one command structure utilizing and sharing resources among the three fires and were known as the “Shell Fire Complex.” I declared a disaster emergency on June 9, 2011 and provided funding for recovery efforts in D 2011-022.

Due to the great destructive nature of the Shell Fire Complex, many projects were not yet complete by the time the funding expired in July 2012. I therefore extended the funding in D 2012-047 and then 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 Shell Fire Complex.

II. Amendment

The last sentence in Section II(c) of Executive Order D 2011-022 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 2011-022 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, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, extending across the width of the text block.

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor