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John W. Hickenlooper
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Authorizing Colorado Personnel and Equipment to Assist with Emergency Response Efforts Related to California Wildland Fires

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to the Colorado Constitution, Article IV, Section 2, and pursuant to the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, and in particular C.R.S. § 24-33.5-702(1)(f), I, Donna Lynne, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order authorizing personnel and equipment from Colorado to assist with emergency response efforts related to wildland fires in California and, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

I. Background and Need

California experienced a wildland fire outbreak that killed more than 40 people, destroyed thousands of homes, burned over 200,000 acres, and required over 11,000 firefighters and their equipment to battle the fires.

As a party to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, C.R.S. § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, the State of Colorado is able to provide assistance to states and certain United States Territories enduring a disaster emergency. The State of California, also a party to the Compact, requested Colorado personnel and equipment, including wildland fire capable engines, to support the needs of California to respond to wildland fires and provide for the health and safety of citizens.

By this Order, I authorize personnel and equipment from Colorado to respond to California's request for assistance.

II. Mission and Scope

- A. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-702(1)(f), as acting Governor of the State of Colorado, I hereby authorize personnel and equipment from Colorado to assist with emergency response efforts related to wildland fires.
- B. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, I hereby implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The State of Colorado shall provide personnel and equipment to assist California in emergency response efforts related to wildland fires.
- C. Due to the current insufficiency of funds in the Disaster Emergency Fund necessary to pay for the fully-reimbursable expenses for personnel and equipment under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, I order the transfer of \$2,000,000 from the Controlled Maintenance Trust Fund into the Disaster Emergency Fund pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-706(4)(b). I further encumber \$2,000,000 in the Disaster Emergency Fund to pay for the use of personnel and equipment under this Executive Order, which will then be reimbursed by California through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. These funds shall remain available for this purpose for twelve (12) months from the date of signature of this Executive Order.

IV. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire 30 days from its date of signature unless extended by Executive Order, except that the funds described in paragraph II C above shall remain available for the described purposes for 12 months from the date of this Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twentieth day of
October, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Lynne".

Donna Lynne
Lieutenant Governor, acting on
behalf of the State while Governor
John W. Hickenlooper is absent
from the State