

# STATE OF COLORADO

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John W. Hickenlooper  
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### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### **Activating the National Guard for the Purpose of Law Enforcement Assistance to Costilla, Huerfano, and Teller Counties**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 16-2.5-144, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order activating the Colorado National Guard for the purposes of protecting life, property, and public health and safety in Costilla, Huerfano, and Teller Counties.

#### **I. Background and Purpose**

Beginning in March 2018, dry and hot conditions increased the wildland fire risk across Colorado. In June, numerous wildland fires in Colorado broke out, triggering multiple evacuation orders and placing lives and structures at risk. Among these are the Spring Creek fire in Huerfano and Costilla Counties, and the Chateau and Weston fires in Teller County. I issued verbal disaster declarations for the Spring Creek, Chateau, and Weston fires on June 27, 29, and 30, 2018, respectively. Local jurisdictions responded rapidly to the fires. The scope of these efforts put significant strains on local resources, including law enforcement agencies.

#### **II. Declaration and Directive**

On July 1, 2018, the Huerfano County Sheriff's Office, the Costilla County Sheriff's Office, and the Teller County Sheriff's Office requested the assistance of the State. The National Guard may be called by the governor to assist with law enforcement during periods of emergency. Pursuant to C.R.S. § 16-2.5-144, I hereby call upon the Colorado National Guard to assist with law enforcement efforts in Huerfano, Costilla, and Teller Counties related to the Spring Creek, Chateau, and Weston fires.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from July 2, 2018 unless extended by further Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State of  
Colorado, this second day of  
July, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper  
Governor