

D 013 02

EXECUTIVE ORDER AMENDMENT

Concerning Commercial Fireworks Displays on State Lands and Amending Executive Order D 012 02

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 23-30-308 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending D 012 02 by finding that commercial fireworks displays may be permitted on state lands upon written approval.

1. Background and Need.

On June 4, 2002, I issued Executive Order D 012 02 directing state agencies to prohibit open burning on all state lands. This order included the prohibition of fireworks on state lands.

The fire danger in our state is extremely high and I have determined that fireworks pose an unnecessary risk to our state lands. I have also encouraged the people of Colorado to attend commercial fireworks displays as an alternative to setting off their own fireworks. Commercial fireworks displays are performed by professionals with the cooperation of fire officials to ensure that the risk of igniting a fire is minimal.

For this reason, I am permitting commercial fireworks displays on state lands if certain conditions are met.

2. Mission and Scope.

For purposes of this Executive Order, “open burning” does not include commercial fireworks displays on state lands if the Executive Director managing the state land provides written approval in advance of the display.

Before granting requests for commercial fireworks displays on state lands, the Executive Director must determine that appropriate measures have been taken to minimize the risk of the display causing a fire. This determination may include assurances from the local fire department that the display does not pose a significant fire risk and that the local fire department will be present at the fireworks display.

To clarify, the Director of Natural Resources shall approve all requests for displays on lands controlled by the Division of Natural Resources and the Director of the Commission for Higher Education shall approve all requests for displays on lands occupied by state colleges or universities.

3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall remain in force until modified or terminated by further executive order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this 4th
day of June, 2002.

Bill Owens
Governor