

D 021 02

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Concerning the Statewide Disaster Emergency Due to Wildfires and the Open Burning Ban and Amending Executive Orders D 014 02, D 015 02 and D 016 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 Sections 24-32-2100 *et seq.*, and 23-30-308 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order declaring that a state of disaster emergency continues to exist due to the imminent threat of wildfires and order the extension of the statewide open burning ban.

1. Background & Need.

On June 10, 2002, I issued Executive Order D 014 02 declaring a disaster emergency due to the occurrence of wildfires and the imminent threat of future wildfires. I issued Executive Order D 015 02 that same day banning open burning throughout the state. Executive Order D 016 02 amended the open burning ban and Executive Order D 019 ordered the transfer of an additional \$5 million from the TABOR Emergency Reserve into the Disaster Emergency Fund.

Since June 10, 2002, an additional 164,243 acres have burned throughout the state. The Hayman fire recently became the largest wildfire in our state's history. Meanwhile, the height of the traditional fire season continues to be ahead of us, and severe drought conditions persist throughout most of Colorado.

Given these conditions, the risk of additional wildfires presents an imminent threat to the life and property of the people of Colorado. Extraordinary measures are necessary to protect public health and render relief for those most severely impacted by these wildfires. Accordingly, I find that a statewide disaster emergency continues to exist due to the imminent threat of wildfires and order the extension of the statewide fire ban.

2. Mission and Scope.

- A. I find that a state of disaster emergency continues to exist due to the occurrence of wildfires and the imminent threat of future wildfires. I hereby

amend Executive Order D 014 01 and order that each of my directives stated in that order continue.

B. I extend the statewide ban on open burning and order that each of my directives stated in Executive Order D 015 02 and D 016 02 continue.

3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from the date of its execution unless extended by Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado this 10th
day of July, 2002.

Bill Owens
Governor