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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Open Burning Ban on State Lands

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 Colorado Revised Statute § 23-30-308, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order directing state agencies to prohibit open fires on certain state lands.

1. Background & Need.

Unseasonably high temperatures and dry conditions have resulted in high fire danger in certain parts of Colorado. Already this year, Colorado has experienced several fires, including the Mauricio Canyon Fire, which burned over 6,000 acres of land and the fire near Carter Lake in Larimer County, which burned over 300 acres of land.

Given the conditions of extreme fire danger in certain parts of the state, additional measures are warranted to respond to this risk and restrict human activities that have the potential of igniting a wildfire on our state lands. The Colorado State Forest Service has advised me that the fire risk is limited to lower elevations that have not received adequate precipitation. Therefore, this Executive Order bans open burning on all state lands below and elevation of 8,000 feet.

2. Directive.

I hereby order each agency to ban open burning on lands under each agency's jurisdiction or control under an elevation of 8,000 feet.

For purposes of this order, "open burning" is defined as any outdoor fire, including but not limited to campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires,

fireworks and any other activity that poses a significant risk of starting a fire on state lands.

The Colorado State Forester may waive this open burning ban on a case by case basis by written approval.

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 9th day of
January, 2006.

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