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Governor's Memorandum of Drought Emergency

TO: Executive Directors, Departments of State Government
FROM: John Hickenlooper, Governor, State of Colorado *JH*
RE: Activation of the Colorado Drought Mitigation and Response Plan
DATE: August 10, 2012

Drought conditions have developed throughout Colorado to the degree that many counties are likely to receive severe impacts to their environments and to the various sectors of their economy.

Under these circumstances, and based on a recommendation from the Drought Task Force, comprised of Directors from the Departments of Natural Resources, Agriculture and Local Affairs, I have decided to elevate activation of the State's Drought Mitigation and Response Plan to Phase 3 for the Agricultural sector only, so that specific impacts may be identified, and expeditious and effective remedial action may be taken.

As of the date of this memorandum, the Agricultural Impact Task Force will be activated for the entire state; the following actions, as specified in the Plan will be taken:

- 1) Drought Task Force will remain activated under chairmanship of directors from the Departments of Natural Resources, Local Affairs, and Agriculture.
- 2) The Agricultural Impact Task Forces (ITF) will be activated for the entire state and will continue to address impacts from the drought.
- 3) All addressees will assign: (1) A senior level manager who can commit the resources of the department to act as a drought coordinator and (2) Task Force chairpersons and participants as indicated the Colorado Drought Mitigation and Response Plan.
- 4) Lead agencies will be prepared to take action for drought response and to mitigate drought impacts as appropriate.