

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the State is in Phase 3 activation of the State Drought Plan for twenty-one (21) Colorado counties; and*

*WHEREAS, Phase 3 of the State Drought Plan advises a "Drought Emergency" be declared by Proclamation of the Governor; and*

*WHEREAS, the State received a summary of heightened concerns emerging from county commissioners, local emergency managers, and consistent, critical input from the Water Availability, Agriculture Impact, and Municipal Impact Task Forces; and*

*WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resource and State Drought Task Force jointly sent a memorandum to the Governor recommending entering a drought emergency for western Colorado counties experiencing impacts from extensive severe (D2), extreme (D3), and exceptional (D4) drought conditions, including Moffat, Routt, Jackson, Rio Blanco, Grand, Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Mesa, Delta, Pitkin, Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, San Juan, Hinsdale, Dolores, Montezuma, La Plata, and Archuleta; and*

*WHEREAS, counties impacted along the continental divide in abnormally dry (D0) conditions and moderate (D1) drought will continue to be closely monitored and added to a drought emergency proclamation as appropriate; and*

*WHEREAS, the severe drought conditions and associated impacts in Colorado constitute a drought emergency;*

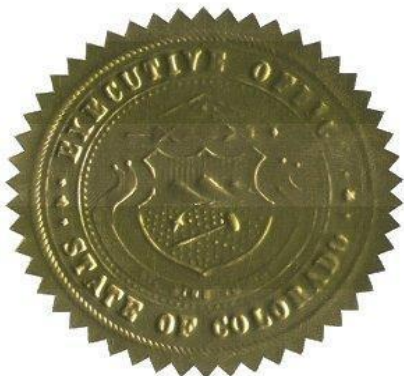
*THEREFORE, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim a drought emergency in Colorado for the following twenty-one (21) western counties: Moffat, Routt, Jackson, Rio Blanco, Grand, Garfield, Eagle, Summit, Mesa, Delta, Pitkin, Gunnison, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, San Juan, Hinsdale, Dolores, Montezuma, La Plata, and Archuleta; and*

*THEREFORE, I further direct the following measures:*

- *The Drought Task Force will continue to meet and monitor evolving conditions;*
- *Unmet and urgent needs from communities and regional liaisons will be reported to the Drought Task Force chairs;*
- *The Agricultural Impact Task Force and Municipal Water Task Force will continue to meet monthly or as needed to recommend opportunities for incident mitigation to minimize potential impacts; and*
- *The need for additional task forces, such as energy or wildlife response teams, will continue to be evaluated as conditions evolve through identified agency representatives.*

*in the State of Colorado.*

*GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirtieth day of June, 2021*



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis".

Jared Polis  
Governor