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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Orders D 2020 004, D 2020 006, and D 2020 026 to Extend the Closure of Downhill Ski Areas Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Orders D 2020 004, D 2020 006, and D 2020 026 to extend the closure of downhill ski areas until May 23, 2020, due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and there is community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 018 and D 2020 032. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

Mountain communities, where many of Colorado's premier ski areas are located, have been particularly hard-hit by the COVID-19 outbreak in the State. Medical centers in these areas have limited ability to meet the needs of individuals with COVID-19. Further strain on their resources creates a risk that medical personnel in the area will be unable to provide needed care to residents and visitors to our mountain communities.

Due to the continued spread of the virus in our mountain communities and the need to conserve health care resources as much as possible, I am amending and extending Executive Orders D 2020 004, D 2020 006, and D 2020 026 to direct downhill ski area operators to suspend operations until May 23, 2020 to slow the spread of COVID-19.

II. Amendment

Paragraph II.A of Executive Order D 2020 004 (as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 006 and D 2020 026) is amended to read as follows:

> I direct all ski area operators, as defined in C.R.S. § 33-44-103(7), to suspend operations at ski areas, as defined in C.R.S. § 33-44-103(6), until May 23, 2020.

III. Duration

Executive Orders D 2020 004, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 006 and D 2020 026 and this Executive Order, shall expire on May 23, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Orders D 2020 004, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 006 and D 2020 026, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirtieth day of April, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor