

Gov. Hickenlooper authorizes relief

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Gov. John Hickenlooper announced Sunday, Sept. 23 he signed an executive order to suspend permits necessary to authorize transports of large baled hay or baled livestock feed which may exceed lawful maximum height.

“Large areas of Colorado have experienced devastating damage from drought. This has severely impacted the ability of Colorado livestock producers to acquire the requisite amount of feed for their animals,” the executive order says. “As winter approaches, such restrictions put Colorado livestock in severe danger and producers require immediate assistance to meet their feed requirements.”

The executive order suspends rules that prevent the state from issuing single-trip, extra-legal permits for divisible loads of “baled hay” or “baled livestock feed” of heights ranging from 14 feet, six inches to 15 feet. The Order will stay in effect until Oct. 21, 2012.

The governor announced the executive order during the inaugural Pedal The Plains event on the Eastern Plains.

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