

**Landslide - Debris-flow
Annex III
Colorado State Emergency Operations Plan**

LEAD AGENCY: Dept. of Local Affairs, Office of Emergency Management

SUPPORTING AGENCIES: Governor's Office, Personnel & Administration, Corrections, Labor & Employment, Military Affairs, Natural Resources, Public Safety, Transportation, Education, Human Services, Red Cross, Salvation Army, COVOAD

I. PURPOSE

This annex has been prepared to ensure a coordinated response by state agencies to requests from local jurisdictions to reduce potential loss of life and to ensure we maintain or quickly restore essential services. It is designed to supplement the operational strategy outlined in the Basic Plan.

II. SITUATION

Colorado, due to its varied topography and weather has many landslides and debris-flows each year. The spring snow-melt and summer severe rainstorms are the prime times for these to happen. The areas most prone include the mountains and foothills, but landslides have occurred in most areas of the state.

III. ASSUMPTIONS

- A. See Basic Plan
- B. This plan supports plans and procedures of the Department of Natural Resources.

IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. First response to a landslide event will be by local responders, when the event is so large that their local resources are unable to handle it, additional assistance may be requested by through the declaration process. Such assistance, when authorized, will be provided by state agencies operating under their own authority, or as part of an effort coordinated by the Office of Emergency Management operating on behalf of the Governor. The Governor may request assistance from the federal government if the capabilities and resources of both local and state governments are exceeded.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Governor's Office:

1. Authorize state active duty status for use of Colorado National Guard personnel to provide lifesaving assistance, if necessary.
2. Following the state disaster statutes, make monies available through the state disaster fund or other funds to provide for basic recovery of essential services.
3. Activate the Colorado State Emergency Operations Plan.

B. Office of Emergency Management, DOLA:

1. Monitor snowpack/snowmelt conditions and weather forecasts and prepare to coordinate state assistance, as needed.
2. Coordinate state response to requests for assistance from local jurisdictions.
3. Activate and staff the State Emergency Operations Center.
4. Maintain communications with Governor's office, other state agencies and local jurisdictions regarding the status of response and recovery efforts.

B. Department of Transportation

1. Provide assistance by providing barricades, debris removal and road repair as directed.
2. Maintain communications and advise dispatch of current conditions in all areas of the state - these reports will be relayed, as needed, to the Office of Emergency Management.
3. Provide engineers to Damage Assessment teams.

C. Colorado State Patrol:

1. Establish traffic control on state highways.
2. Maintain communications and advise dispatch of current conditions in all areas of the state - emergency reports will be relayed, as needed, to the Office of Emergency Management.
3. Assist in evacuation of stranded motorists.
4. Preserve law and order.

D. Department of Natural Resources

Provide hydrologists and geologists to assist in response and mitigation efforts.

- E. Department of Human Services/American Red Cross
 - 1. DHS - Administer assistance programs including Individual & Family Grants Program.
 - 2. ARC - Provide shelters and provisions for stranded people in accordance with internal procedures.
 - F. Department of Military Affairs
 - 1. When activated, provide air reconnaissance and rescue.
 - 2. When activated, provide personnel for debris removal, search and rescue, and other assistance that may be tasked.
 - G. Other State Agencies

Provide support as requested by the Office of Emergency Management.
- VI. SEF's likely to be involved in a landslide emergency.
- A. SEF 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14 -- agency involvement will vary with the circumstances of each incident.