

**STATE OF MONTANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-2021**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER ADDING MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF  
THE STATEWIDE DROUGHT EMERGENCY IN THE STATE OF MONTANA**

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**WHEREAS**, on July 1, 2021 Executive Order No. 11-2021 was issued declaring a statewide drought emergency in the State of Montana;

**WHEREAS**, drought conditions throughout Montana have continued to deteriorate, with severe drought conditions in 98.7% of Montana;

**WHEREAS**, the lack of moisture and extreme heat have severely depleted rangeland capacity for grazing and reduced hay production across Montana, forcing Montana livestock producers to purchase significantly more hay than normal;

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing drought conditions have resulted in great economic hardship for Montana livestock producers;

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order No. 11-2021 relieved certain requirements for commercial motor carrier vehicles in Montana, including the lifting of certain restrictions on the transport of forage; and

**WHEREAS**, under § 61-10-111, MCA, the Department of Transportation and Department of Livestock have requested additional relief to facilitate hay distribution in response to the drought by allowing vehicles exceeding 10 feet in width, that are hauling hay during nighttime hours on non-interstate highways, to use lights extending the full width and length of vehicle transporting hay instead of a pilot car.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG GIANFORTE**, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Montana, Title 61, Chapter 10, Section 111, MCA, and under other applicable statutes, do hereby order the Director of the Montana Department of Transportation to permit vehicles hauling hay or forage during nighttime hours on non-interstate highways that exceed 10 feet in width to either use a pilot vehicle or lights extending the full width and length of vehicles.

This Order is effective immediately and expires at 11:59 p.m. on November 15, 2021.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
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GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:

  
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CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State