Executive Order 2004-21
State Land Department Forestry Division

WHEREAS, A.R.S. § 37-621 establishes the positions of state forester and deputy state forester; and

WHEREAS, presently, the administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester are housed within the State Land Department; and

WHEREAS, maintaining the administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester as a formal Division of the State Land Department will allow maximum administrative and financial efficiency; and

WHEREAS, consolidating state forest management functions within the State Land Department under a Forestry Division will further leverage those efficiencies, ensure coordination of forest management activities within Arizona, and provide for coherent delivery of services required to reduce fire hazards and damage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet Napolitano, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The administrative, operational and management functions of the State Forester shall continue to be housed within the State Land Department and shall become a formal Division of the State Land Department. The State Forester shall continue to utilize the resources of the State Land Department in performing his duties.

2. All state forest management functions shall be consolidated under the State Land Department's Forestry Division.

3. The State Forester shall submit his or her yearly budget request to the State Land Commissioner, who shall accept or modify the budget request and submit it to the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budget as a part of the State Land Department's requested budget.

4. All money appropriated to the Forestry Division shall be used on equipment, personnel and activities directly related to Forestry Division responsibilities. The State Forester shall administer the Forestry Division budget, utilizing the administrative infrastructure of the State Land Department and subject to the oversight of the State Land Commissioner.

5. The State Forester shall report directly to the Governor on policy matters involving wildfire prevention, management and suppression.

IN WITNESS WEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capital in Phoenix, Arizona this 1st day of ~~August~~ September Two Thousand Four and of the Independence of the United States the Two hundred and Twenty-Ninth.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE
(ACTING)