AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Resolution; Repealing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

Resolution to Repeal Stage 1 Fire Restrictions from Crystal River Valley and follow suit with White River National Forest.

Fiscal Impact:

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Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mhoyt Discharge Date: 9/7/2018 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 9/7/2018

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 9/11/2018

Revised April 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-__

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison, Colorado previously has adopted Ordinance No. 8 a., An Ordinance Establishing a Permanent Process to Periodically Ban Open Fires Within the Unincorporated Areas of Gunnison County, Colorado, ("Ordinance No. 8 a."); and has adopted Ordinance No. 14, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 8 Establishing A Permanent Process To Periodically Ban Open Fires Within the Unincorporated Areas Of Gunnison County, Colorado, ("Ordinance No. 14"); and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, determined that the danger of forest or grass fires in the Crystal River Valley, the town sites of Crystal and Schofield, all portions of the White River National Forest that lie within Gunnison County, and all portions of unincorporated county in the valley of the North Fork of the Gunnison River, was high and fire restrictions were necessary and appropriate in the Crystal River Valley, including the town sites of Crystal and Schofield, all portions of the White River National Forest that lie within Gunnison County, and all portions of unincorporated county in the valley of the North Fork of the Gunnison River, to reduce the danger of wildfires in Gunnison County.

WHEREAS, as a result of more precipitation and decreased fire danger rating, staff advise the Board that it would be safe to repeal the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions and reduce the Fire Restrictions level to Stage 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that as of **_____,** Stage 1 fire restrictions, as defined as follows will be in place in the Crystal River Valley, including the town sites of Crystal and Schofield, all portions of the White River National Forest that lie within Gunnison County, and all portions of unincorporated county in the valley of the North Fork of the Gunnison River, until further notice.

The following are prohibited:
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1. **FIRES/BURNING:** Fires that are not contained within permanently constructed devices, open fires/burning, agricultural burning, and the burning of trash or debris.
2. **COOKING:** Charcoal grills, hibachis, and coal or wood-burning stoves on federal lands.
3. **CAMPFIRES:** Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire not within designated signed campgrounds or developed recreation sites with provided fire grates.
4. **FIREWORKS:** The use of fireworks or explosives. Including all incendiary devices on public or private lands, including explosive targets.

The following activities are permitted, with the described limitations:

1. **FIRES:** Fires in chimineas, fire pits, and tiki-torch type manufactured devices on private property.
2. **COOKING:** Cooking on manufactured charcoal grills, petroleum-fueled stoves or lanterns that use gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel.

3. **CAMPFIRES:** Campfires with flame length not exceeding two feet in height within pre-fabricated concrete/metal fire enclosures in established campgrounds (USFS, NPS, privately owned).
4. **FIREWORKS:** The City of Gunnison 4th of July fireworks display, and the 3rd/4th of July Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte professional fireworks display(s) shall be allowed unless further restricted by the Board.
5. **SMOKING:** Smoking outdoors is allowed ONLY within enclosed vehicles, buildings or developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
6. **WELDING & ACETYLENE TORCHES:** Welding or operating acetylene torches with flame is allowed ONLY in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and where the operator is in possession of a chemical-pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.
7. **CHAINSAWS:** Operating a chainsaw is allowed ONLY if the device includes a USDA Forest Service or SAE approved spark arrester, and where the operator is in possession of a chemical-pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.

This Resolution has immediate effect upon its passage by the Board of Commissioners without further action necessary.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By _____
Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

By _____
Jonathan Houck, Vice Chairperson

By _____
John Messner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy County Clerk