AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Discussion; Fire Restrictions

Action Requested: Other Discussion & Possible BOCC Action

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Discussion Re: Fire Restrictions & Possible Resolution

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: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\emense Discharge Date: 8/14/2020

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 10

Agenda Date: 8/18/2020

Revised April 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-___

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison, Colorado previously has adopted Ordinance No. 8a., An Ordinance Establishing a Permanent Process to Periodically Ban Open Fires Within the Unincorporated Areas of Gunnison County, Colorado, ("Ordinance No. 8a."); 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, pursuant to Ordinance No. 8a and Ordinance No. 14, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado has power at any meeting, by resolution, to ban open fires to a degree and in a manner that the Board deems necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those portions of the unincorporated areas of Gunnison County where the danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high based on competent evidence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, has determined that currently the danger of forest or grass fires in all of unincorporated Gunnison County is high at this time and fire restrictions are necessary and appropriate in all of unincorporated Gunnison County to reduce the danger of wildfires in Gunnison County;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that as of _____, 2020 Stage 1 fire restrictions, as defined as follows, will be in place in all of unincorporated Gunnison County until further notice.

The following are <u>prohibited</u>:

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 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. **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.

5. **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.

6. **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 August, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By _____
Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

By _____
Roland Mason, Vice-Chairperson

By _____

Elizabeth Smith, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy County Clerk