AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Discussion & Possible Resolution Re: Fire Restrict

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Discussion and possible resolution regarding fire restrictions

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Liz Mense **Submitter's Email Address:** EMense@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mhoyt Discharge Date: 10/2/2020 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 10/2/2020

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

Agenda Date: 10/6/2020

Revised April 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__

A RESOLUTION REPEALING STAGE 2 FIRE RESTRICTIONS AND IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado ("Board") 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 September 2, 2020, the Board, as a result of increased danger of wildfires, passed Resolution No. 2020-31, implementing Stage 2 Fire Restrictions in that portion Gunnison County within the Sopris Ranger District of the White River National Forest; and

WHEREAS, as a result of cooler temperatures, shorter days and increased humidity, 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is resolved that Resolution No. 2020-31, "A Resolution Implementing Stage 2 Fire Restrictions" shall be and hereby is repealed; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that as of October 7, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, will be in place for that part of Gunnison County within the Sopris Ranger District of the White River National Forest, 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 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 ten (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 6th day of October, 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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-__

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2020-29 IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado ("Board") 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 August 20, 2020, as a result of increased danger of wildfires in unincorporated Gunnison County, the Board passed Resolution No. 2020-29, "A Resolution Implementing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions"; and

WHEREAS, as a result of cooler temperatures, shorter days and higher humidity, staff has advised the Board that it would be safe to repeal the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions identified in Resolution No. 2020-29.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO that Resolution No. 2020-29 "A Resolution Implementing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions" shall be and hereby is repealed, effective **October 7, 2020 at 12:01 am.**

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 6th day of October, 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