



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO
RESOLUTION 2021- 15**

A RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison, Colorado ("Board") may adopt ordinances to ban open fires and impose fire restriction stages within those portions of the unincorporated areas of Gunnison County ("County") where the danger of wildfire is found to be high, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.5); and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized to prohibit the sale, use, and possession of fireworks, including permissible fireworks, within those portions of the unincorporated areas of the County, pursuant to C.R.S. § 30-15-401(1)(n.7); and

WHEREAS, the 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; 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the statutory powers granted to the Board as well as Ordinance No. 8 a. and Ordinance No. 14, the Board 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 has determined that currently the danger of forest or grass fires in that portion of Gunnison County within the Sopris Ranger District in the White River National Forest, is high at this time and fire restrictions are necessary and appropriate in that portion of Gunnison County within the Sopris Ranger District in the White River National Forest, to reduce the danger of wildfires in Gunnison County.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that as of 12:01 a.m. local time on June 18, 2021, Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, as defined below, will be in place in the portion of Gunnison County within the Sopris Ranger District in the White River National Forest, and remains in effect until December 31, 2021 or until rescinded, whichever event occurs first.

The following activities are prohibited in Stage 1 Fire Restrictions:

1. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire or stove fire except within a permanent constructed fire grate in a developed campground, developed recreation site, or improved site.



2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet (3') in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

3. The use of fireworks pursuant to C.R.S. §30-15-401(1)(n.7).

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

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Houck, seconded by Commissioner Smith, and adopted this 17th day of June, 2021.

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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Gunnison County Clerk
Deputy

