



NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 19, 2013

GUNNISON COUNTY IMPLEMENTS STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS Restrictions to Take Place at 12:01 am on June 24, 2013

Gunnison County, Colorado – Yesterday, following the recommendation by local officials, the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners executed Resolution #2013-13, a Resolution Implementing Stage I Fire Restrictions, as of 12:01 am on Monday, June 24, 2013. Local Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and US Forest Service (FS) offices have agreed to implement these restrictions at the same time in a coordinated effort that officials hope will decrease the possibility for confusion. In person to provide the recommendation to the Board were Gunnison County Sheriff Rick Besecker, Gunnison County Emergency Manager Scott Morrill, Fire Marshall Dennis Spritzer, US Forest Service Fire Management Officer Pat Medina and BLM Gunnison Field Manager Brian St. George.

Upon implementation and until further notice, fire restrictions for all of unincorporated Gunnison County shall be as follows:

1. Open fires, including agricultural burning, wood or charcoal fires, and the burning of trash or debris.
2. Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire outside of designated, developed campgrounds. Exception: campfires are permitted in developed, designated campgrounds and recreation areas in permanent constructed fire grates.
3. Use of fireworks or explosives.
4. Smoking outdoors, unless in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren and has been cleared of all flammable material.
5. EXCEPT THAT the following activities are permitted: cooking on manufactured charcoal, liquid fuel and propane grills; campfires with flame length not exceeding two feet in height in pre-fabricated concrete/metal fire enclosures in established campgrounds (USFS, NPS and privately owned); prefabricated concrete/metal fire enclosures on private property.
6. AND EXCEPT THAT the Rotary Club of Gunnison 4th of July fireworks display, and the 3rd/4th of July Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte professional fireworks displays shall be allowed unless further restricted by the Board.

To view the resolution in its entirety, visit http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/commissioners_resolutions.html. For more information, please contact the Gunnison County Sheriff's Office at (970) 641-1113.

#