



**UPPER COLORADO RIVER
INTERAGENCY FIRE MANAGEMENT**
NPS Colorado National Monument
BLM Grand Junction and Colorado River Valley
USFS White River, Grand Mesa and
Uncompahgre National Forests



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**Fire restrictions begin July 2 for BLM Grand Junction, Colorado
River Valley Field Offices**

Fire restrictions on Bureau of Land Management lands in the Grand Junction and Colorado River Valley field offices begin July 2.

This includes BLM lands in Eagle, Garfield, Mesa and Pitkin counties. Some portions of southern Rio Blanco and Routt counties and northern portions of Delta and Montrose counties are also included within these BLM field office boundaries and covered by these restrictions.

Fire managers base decisions about fire restrictions on specific moisture measurements in vegetation. Hot, dry weather has increased fire danger to high levels at elevations below 8,000 feet.

BLM will be enforcing temporary restrictions of:

- campfires are only allowed within designated fire grates in developed campgrounds (fire pans are not acceptable)
- no fires of any type including charcoal outside of developed areas
- no smoking except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site or in a barren area free of vegetation
- no use of explosive materials
- no welding or operation of an acetylene or other similar torch with open flame
- no operation of any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and in working order
- no fireworks on federal lands

The White River and Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison national forests are not enacting fire restrictions at this time because of generally higher elevations and variability in fuel moisture conditions. Forest officials remind visitors, however, that a fire danger is always present and urge visitors to be very careful with fire, smoking, chainsaws and vehicle exhausts and converters – all of which can cause fires.

Restrictions on these BLM lands will be in place until further notice. Violation of federal fire restrictions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both. Those found responsible for starting wildfires will also face restitution costs of suppressing the fire.

For more information about fire restrictions in these areas, log on to http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2gjc/ or call the Grand Junction Field Office at (970) 244-3000 or the Colorado River Valley Field Office at (970) 876-9000.

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