

United States Department of the Interior BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT White River Field Office 200 East Market Street Meeker, CO 81641



FIRE PREVENTION ORDER ORDER NUMBER CON05-21-01 STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Firefighter and public safety are the top priorities in wildfire management. To aid in public safety we are entering fire restrictions, under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 9212.2(a), the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management public lands administered by the White River Field Office within the Colorado counties of Garfield, Moffat, and Rio Blanco until further notice:

Stage I Restriction:

Under Title 43 CFR Section 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, the following acts are prohibited on the above-described public lands:

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions the following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within agency-provided fire grates at developed recreation sites. Devices using gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel are permitted.
- Smoking, except 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 or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
- Using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity.
- Using exploding targets.

These fire restrictions are in addition to the year-round wildfire prevention restrictions on BLM-administered public lands in Colorado. These are:

- Leaving a fire unattended or unextinguished.
- Possession, discharge or use of any fireworks.
- Discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition.
- Burn, ignite or cause to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, or any other hazardous or explosive material.

• Operate any off-road vehicle on public lands unless the vehicle is equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1 (c).

The following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a permit or letter of authorization specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Title 43 CFR § 9212.4 Penalties

Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations of Title 43 CFR § 9212.1 shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both. Restitution for total suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the trespasser.

This order will be in effect Wenesday, June 16th, 2020 at 0001 hours, and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Prepared in Meeker, Colorado, this 15th day of June, 2021.

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