



Fire Prevention Order COG02-21-02

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions

Due to dry conditions and high fire danger, under 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) 9212.2(a), the Bureau of Land Management Colorado River Valley Field Office is implementing fire restrictions for all BLM-administered public lands within the boundaries of Garfield, Mesa, Eagle, Pitkin, Routt and Rio Blanco counties beginning June 25, 2021.

Under Stage 2 Fire Restrictions the following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, charcoal grill, coal, wood burning stove or shepherders stove, including in developed camping and picnic grounds. Devices using pressurized liquid or gas are exempted.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, building or tent.
- Using an explosive requiring fuse or blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets and tracers or incendiary ammunition.
- Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrestor, and without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher and a round-point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches. The extinguisher will be with the equipment operator. The shovel may be kept with fueling supplies but readily available for use.
- Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame (except with a current permit, contract or letter of authorization).
- Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 1. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 2. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a).

The following persons are exempt from this order:

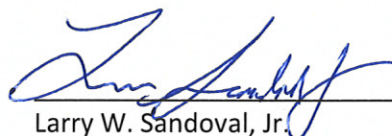
1. Persons with a permit or letter of authorization specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Title 43 CFR § 9212.4 - Penalties

Violation of this Fire Prevention Order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100,000, or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both. (43 CFR 9212.4 and 18 U.S.C. 3571). Restitution for total suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.

This order will be in effect **12:01 a.m. June 25, 2021** and will remain in effect until rescinded.

Executed in Silt, Colorado this 22 day of June 2021.



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