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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER
ORDER NUMBER UTW002-2022-03
“Stage 1 Fire Restrictions”

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 9212.2(a) and 9212.1(b) the following restrictions are in effect for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) West Desert District, Salt Lake Field Office and Fillmore Field Office, within the counties of Box Elder, Cache, Juab, Millard, Morgan, Rich, Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Utah, Wasatch and Weber.

It is the policy of the BLM to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands, and the resources and improvements thereon through the prevention of wildfires. Wherever possible, the BLM’s actions will complement and support State and local wildfire prevention actions. 43 U.S.C. § 9212.0-6. This order incorporates Fire Prevention Orders already in place.

Under Title 43 CFR § 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above-described public lands.

Prohibited Acts from July 18 until rescinded:
1. Campfires except within agency provided fire grates at developed campgrounds, or in stoves using pressurized liquid or gas
2. Use of any steel component ammunition of any caliber
3. Use of any steel component target
4. Smoking cigarettes, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, developed recreation site or while stopped in a cleared area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren and cleared of all flammable material
5. Grinding, cutting, and welding of metal
6. Operating a chainsaw, or other internal combustion engine without a properly installed USDA or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) approved spark arresting device, a five-pound fire extinguisher and a shovel
7. Use of any Sky Lanterns, Chinese Lanterns, Fire Balloons, Acetylene Balloons or similar device
8. Use of any Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) that is not equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arrestor. Spark arresters shall meet the 80 percent efficiency level standard when determined by the appropriate SAE recommended practices J335 and J350. Refer to Title 43 CFR §8343.1

Acts Prohibited by Fire Prevention Order No. UT 910-21-001 and CFR § 9212.1(b) (Year-Round):
1. The non-commercial use/discharge of explosives of any kind, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnic devices, exploding targets, pressurized containers or canisters, and binary explosives
2. The use/discharge of any kind of fireworks as defined by this order
3. Use of any tracer or incendiary ammunition of any caliber

Exemptions: Pursuant to Title 43 CFR § 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order.
1. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty
2. Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act
3. OHV without SAE spark arresters may be operated at the following locations: Bonneville Salt Flats Special Recreation Area, Knolls Special Recreation Area and Little Sahara Recreation Area

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity listed in exemptions 2 and 3.

Penalties:
Pursuant to Title 43 § 9212.0-5, 9212.1 and 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at § 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve (12) months, or both. Restitution for total fire suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.

This order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on July 18, 2022, and will remain in force until rescinded.

Michael Gates
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July 18, 2022