# News Release

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## BLM Little Snake Field Office Enters Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

**CRAIG, Colorado** — The Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office will implement stage 1 fire restrictions because of dry conditions and high fire danger beginning 12:01 a.m. tomorrow. These restrictions apply to all BLM-administered public lands in Moffat, Routt and Rio Blanco Counties that are within the boundaries of the field office. These restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded or amended.

"Stage 1 fire restrictions help raise awareness of fire danger and reduce the chance of new fire starts," said **Northwest District Deputy District Manager James Michels**. "We encourage all public land users to do their part – stay informed, follow restrictions, and help us prevent wildfires before they begin."

### Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

In addition to year-round wildfire prevention rules, the following are restricted under stage 1:

- **Campfires:** You may only have a campfire in agency-provided fire grates located in developed campgrounds and recreation sites. You can use stoves that use gas, jellied petroleum, or pressurized liquid fuel. Fire pans and rock campfire rings are not acceptable.
- **Smoking:** Do not smoke unless you are inside a vehicle or building, at a developed recreation site, or in an outdoor area cleared of flammable materials (at least a 3-foot-wide barren spot).
- **Explosives / Exploding Targets:** Do not use exploding targets or other explosive materials.
- **Torch or Welding Work:** Do not use a welder (gas or arc) or operate a torch with an open flame unless you have a pressurized fire extinguisher (minimum 8 ounces) and work in a cleared area that is at least 10 feet in diameter.
- **Spark Arrestors Required:** You may only use chainsaws with a working USDA or SAE-approved spark arrestor. You must also have a chemical fire extinguisher (at least 8 ounces) and a round point shovel (at least 36 inches long) nearby. Do not operate any internal combustion engine without a working spark arresting device properly installed.

Learn about current federal and state fire restrictions using new Rocky Mountain Area Interagency Fire Restriction Dashboard. For more information about fire restrictions in LSFO, please contact the field office at 970-826-5000.

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**BLM Lands Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions**

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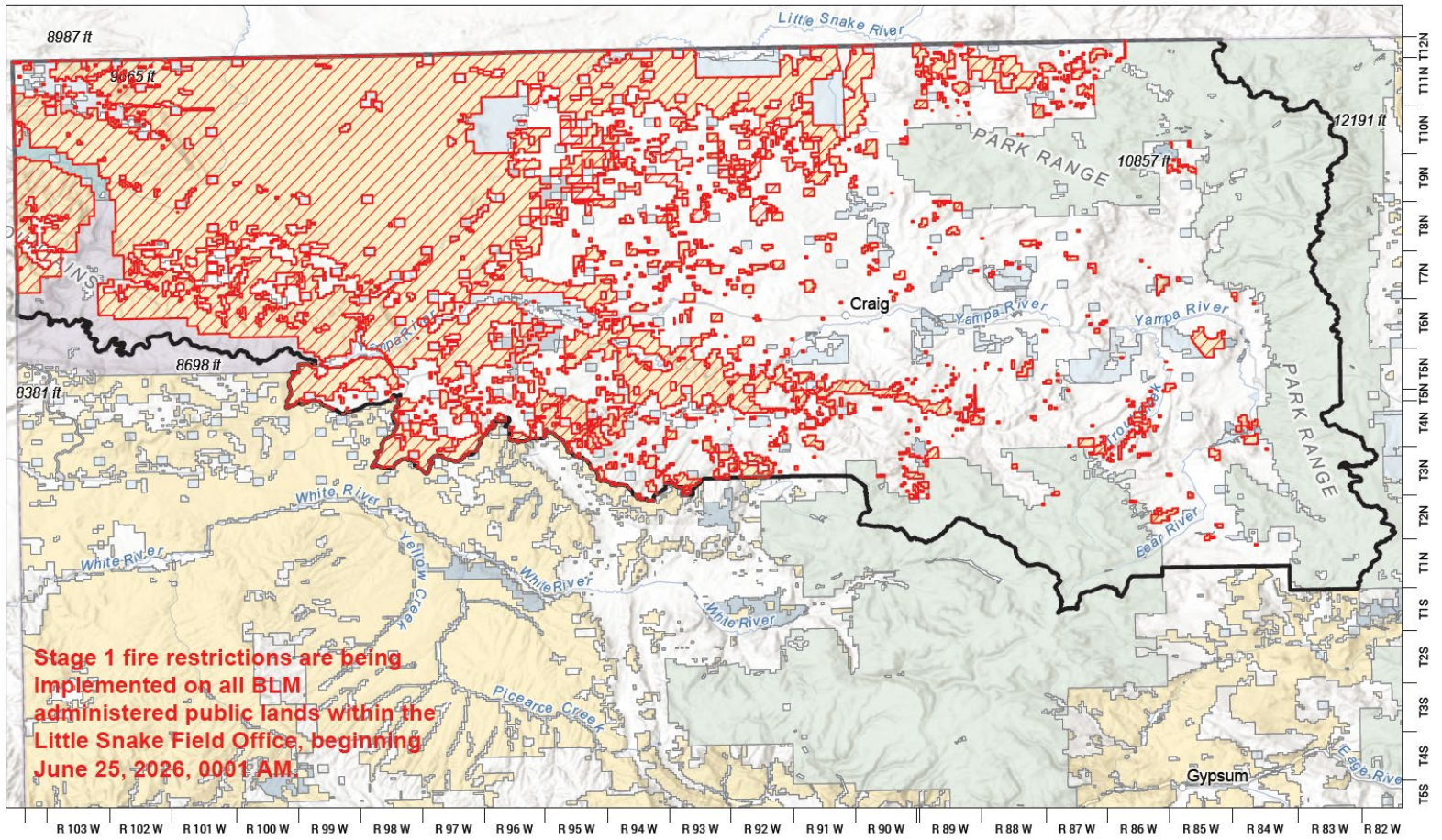


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