



# United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
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## **FIRE PREVENTION ORDER: UTW002-2026-05** **Stage 2 Fire Restrictions**

**Purpose:** Due to a sustained increase in critical fire weather patterns and the cumulative drying of forest and rangeland fuels, fire hazards within the West Desert District have reached a heightened level. To mitigate these risks and provide for the protection of human life, public lands, and resources, the District is escalating fire prevention measures to Stage 2 Fire Restrictions. Accordingly, Stage 1 Fire Prevention Orders [UTW002-2026-03](#) and [UTW002-2026-04](#) are hereby rescinded and superseded by the prohibitions set forth in this Order.

**Effective Date:** This order is effective beginning June 26, 2026, at 12:01 a.m. and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the West Desert District Manager.

**Authority and Scope:** Pursuant to Department of Interior [Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations § 9212.1 \(h\)](#), the following acts are prohibited on all Bureau of Land Management administered areas, lands, roads, waterways, and trails, within the State of Utah under the jurisdiction of the West Desert District in Box Elder, Cache, Juab, Millard, Morgan, Rich, Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Utah, Wasatch, and Weber counties.

### **Prohibited Acts:**

1. All open fires of any kind.
2. Smoking except within a vehicle or enclosed area.
3. Grinding, cutting, and welding of metal.
4. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed and in effective working order per [Title 43 CFR § 8343.1](#).

**Integration of Prior Orders:** This order incorporates and supplements the prohibited acts set forth in [Fire Prevention Order Number UT-914-25-001](#).

1. The 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.

**Definitions:**

1. Fireworks include, but are not limited to, any device which produces noise, smoke, showers of sparks, or movement by combustion or explosive materials. These explosives are defined by the U.S. Department of Transportation in 49 CFR 173. This definition includes all classes of fireworks.
2. Binary explosives include, but are not limited to, pre-packaged products consisting of two separate components, usually an oxidizer like ammonium nitrate and a fuel such as aluminum or another metal. These binary explosives are defined by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives in 27 CFR 555.

**Permissible Acts:**

1. Use of devices fueled by pressurized liquid or gas with a shut-off valve are approved in all locations if there is at least three feet in diameter that is barren with no flammable vegetation.

**Exemptions:**

1. All exemptions to this prevention order are obtained through local permits issued by the authorized officer for activities that will not conflict with the purpose of the order ([Title 43 CFR § 9212.3](#)).
2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

**Penalties:** Anyone in violation of this Fire Prevention Order may be subject to civil liability or criminal prosecution under any applicable law or BLM regulation. A violation of this Order may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984. Pursuant to 18 USC 3571, if the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party.

**Contact:** If you have any questions or concerns regarding this Fire Prevention Order, please contact BLM Utah Public Affairs at [blm\\_ut\\_external\\_affairs@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ut_external_affairs@blm.gov) or 801 320 8255.

Signed by:

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