



ORDER
Bureau of Land Management
Colorado River Valley Field Office



Due to Extreme Fire Danger
Fire Prevention Order # CRV-12-03

Pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 9212, this fire prevention order is being issued to protect human life, public resources, and improvements by preventing wildfires on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) administered lands and operations in Colorado. Consistent with 43 CFR 9212.1, 9212.3 and lease rights granted, certain oil and gas lease operations are subject to the following requirements and/or restrictions. Provisions in this notice are subject to penalties under 43 CFR 9212.4 and 18 USC 3571 and shall be enforced by BLM law enforcement personnel.

Information on fire restrictions and current fire status can be found at:

http://gacc.nifc.gov/rmcc/dispatch_centers/r2gic/fireinfo_restrictions/index.html or by contacting the local BLM Office.

Stage II Fire Restrictions

This order applies to oil and gas pipeline construction, access road construction and maintenance, drilling, completion, work over, testing and maintenance operations authorized by your oil and gas lease and associated rights-of-way that are performed by you and/or your subcontractor(s). The following restrictions apply:

1. All field personnel will carry an adequate radio or cell phone along with emergency contact numbers and information, including 911 and BLM Fire Dispatch (970)257-4800. All fires will be reported to 911 and BLM Fire Dispatch immediately (970-257-4800).
2. Vehicles and equipment shall not block access roads.
3. Operators will inform BLM of the location and duration (start date, end date, work hours) of active work sites (oil and gas pipeline construction, access road construction and maintenance, drilling, completion, work over, and testing). Contact the local BLM office with this information at least 24 hours before commencing activities. After hours, contact BLM fire dispatch (970) 257-4800. It is not necessary to inform BLM of routine maintenance visits that do not pose a fire hazard.
4. Smoking is prohibited except inside enclosed buildings or vehicles.
5. Using machinery that may cause ignition (e.g., welding, pipefitting, metal grinding, rock striking, explosives, etc.) or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame is only permitted under the following conditions:
 - 20 lb. fire extinguisher is present at all times.
 - A ten (10) foot diameter area is cleared of all surface vegetation, scraped to bare mineral soil, prior to welding or grinding.

- Cut vegetation is scattered well outside the cleared area, not piled
 - Five gallons of water is available on site.
 - A watch person patrols the site for one hour following cessation of welding operations.
 - Operations will be suspended if winds carry sparks beyond the cleared area.
6. Every internal combustion engine, shall be equipped with a 2.5 pound (or larger) class ABC chemical fire extinguisher.
 7. Each vehicle used on operations will carry at least one shovel and five gallons of water.
 8. The operator will assure that all workers are aware of fire prevention and safety procedures; evacuation routes and procedures; the designated safe meeting place; and emergency shutdown procedures. The operator will have a roster of all persons on location in the event of an evacuation.
 9. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal or wood burning stove or any type of charcoal-fueled broiler or open fire of any type is prohibited. The exception is that pressurized gas or liquid stoves may be used.
 10. Companies are required to contain all flaring operations by using either self-contained equipment or a flare stack that is located at a BLM approved location. Flaring operations over an open pit may not be done without prior approval of the BLM. All flaring operations must be continuously monitored by onsite personnel.

BLM Office Contacts

Colorado River Valley Field Office: 970-876-9000

Upper Colorado River Interagency Fire Dispatch: 970-257-4800

Colorado State Office: 303-239-3600

This order becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. June 22, 2012 and will remain in force until rescinded.



Field Office Manager

Date: June 21, 2012

Applicable authorities provided under Title 16 USC, Section 551 and under 43 CFR 9212, 9212.3, and 9212.4 Violation of this prohibition is punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months or both.