



NORTHWEST COLORADO FIRE MANAGEMENT UNIT

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U.S. Forest Service and BLM Begin Fire restrictions

Kremmling, Colo.— Extremely dry conditions have prompted the Pike National Forest, the Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and the BLM Kremmling Field Office to implement Stage 1 fire restrictions until conditions improve. Both BLM and USFS orders restrict fire and smoking on federal public lands to protect public health and safety.

Stage 1 fire restrictions apply to all National Forest System lands administered by the Pike National Forest located within Clear Creek, Douglas, El Paso, Jefferson, Park, and Teller counties and the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests within Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson Larimer and Park counties in Colorado. These restrictions also apply to all BLM lands within Boulder, El Paso, Fremont, Gilpin, Larimer, Park, and Teller counties.

The fire restrictions apply also to public lands in western Larimer County administered by the Kremmling Field Office. The fire restrictions are implemented on those public lands to be consistent with the actions taken by Larimer County and the nearby Roosevelt National Forest.

The lack of precipitation in the last month, coupled with recent windy days, has led to forest fuels drying faster than normal for this time of year and rapidly increasing the fire danger. These factors, combined with weather forecasts that show little relief have necessitated the need for fire restrictions until conditions moderate.

Prohibitions include building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire or open fire of any type in undeveloped areas. This includes, but is not limited to, charcoal grills, hibachis, and coal or wood burning stoves.

Smoking is only permitted in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.

Visitors to the Pike National Forest, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and lands administered by the Royal Gorge Field Office and the Kremmling Field Office, within the previously stated counties, are allowed to have campfires in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds, and only in agency-provided manufactured fire grates and grills. The orders allow cooking stoves and other appliances fueled by liquid petroleum or bottled fuel that are equipped with a valve, which allows the operator to turn the flame on or off.

BLM Stage 1 restrictions also prohibit all fireworks activity and use on BLM lands. Possession and use of fireworks are always prohibited on National Forest System lands.

The full text of the Order for the Pike National Forest is posted on the web at: <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/psicc>.

The full text of the Order for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests is posted at www.fs.usda.gov/arp.

The full text of the Order for the Royal Gorge Field Office is posted at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo.html.

The full text of the Order for the Kremmling Field Office is posted at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/kfo.html.

For more information contact your local ranger district office, the BLM Kremmling Field Office, 970-724-3000 (for public lands in Larimer County), or BLM Royal Gorge Field Office, 719-269-8500.

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