



# BLM News Release

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## *No fireworks or campfires allowed in Fremont County over Fourth weekend*

**CAÑON CITY, Colo.** – Ongoing high temperatures, low humidities and daily winds have created extreme fire danger levels with no relief in sight over the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Fire officials with the Bureau of Land Management Royal Gorge Field Office, U.S. Forest Service San Carlos Ranger District, Fremont County Sheriff's department, Cañon City Fire Protection District and the City of Florence Fire Protection District want to remind the public that current fire restrictions prohibit the use of all fireworks on all federal, state, city and private lands within Fremont County. Due to the current extreme fire danger, there are no areas in Fremont County where fireworks can be legally used and strict enforcement of this ban will occur over the holiday weekend. The only exceptions are public fireworks displays conducted under the oversight of local fire departments. Possession of fireworks is also prohibited on federal lands. Additionally, all campfires (including in developed campgrounds) and open burning are banned.

"The Fourth of July is one of the most popular holiday weekends for recreation activities on public lands. This year, due to extremely serious fire danger, local and agency officials are seeking everyone's cooperation by complying with fire restrictions," said Fremont County Sheriff Jim Beicker and Keith Berger, Royal Gorge Field Officer Manager. "Fire managers, law enforcement officials and agency managers from Cañon City, the city of Florence, Fremont County, U.S. Forest Service and the BLM are working closely together to enforce current fire restrictions to make this a safe holiday weekend but we need your help."

Fire restrictions are available online:

- BLM – [www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo.html](http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/rgfo.html) (BLM lands in southeastern and Front Range counties)
- USFS – [www.fs.usda.gov/psicc](http://www.fs.usda.gov/psicc)
- Cañon City – [www.canoncity.org](http://www.canoncity.org) (click on the Current Announcements link on the left)
- Fremont County – [www.fremontco.com/sheriff/firebaninformation.shtml](http://www.fremontco.com/sheriff/firebaninformation.shtml)
- Florence City – same as Fremont County

Contact your local agency for additional information: BLM and Forest Service, 719-269-8500; Cañon City, 719-276-5600; Fremont County, 719-276-5555; City of Florence, 784-4848.

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