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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER
ORDER NUMBER 15-01
Amended 6-29-2015

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2(a), the following restrictions are in effect within the Durango Special Recreation Management Area, located within the Durango City Limits, La Plata County, Colorado to include the BLM lands of Grandview, Animas City Mountain and Skyline areas.

These restrictions are being implemented due to an increase in prohibited acts in these areas and to enforce the designation of these areas as "Day Use" areas only – which prohibits camping and campfires (Tres Rios Field Office Resource Management Plan 2015). These "Day Use" areas are not to be considered "developed campgrounds" or "recreation sites" for the purposes of this order.

Under Title 43 CFR Section 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above described public lands.

Prohibited Actions:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire, coal or wood-burning stove, charcoal-fueled broiler, or open fire of any type, expect in a permanent constructed fire pit or grate within a developed campground or recreation site.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, or developed recreation site or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Using any explosive or incendiary device (such as fireworks or blasting caps) that could result in the ignition of flammable material.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame.
- Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a properly installed and maintained spark-arresting device in effective working order that meets appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices (J335(b) and J350(a)).
- Use of fireworks of any kind.

Permitted Actions:

- Building, maintaining, and attending a fire in a permanent constructed fire pit or grate within a developed campground or recreation site.
- Operating a stove, lantern, or other heating device fueled by liquid petroleum or bottled fuel equipped with a valve that allows the operator to turn the fuel source on and off.
- Smoking within an enclosed vehicle or building or a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable fuel.
- Operating or using an internal or external combustion engine with a properly installed and maintained spark-arresting device in effective working order that meets appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices (J335(b) and J350(a)).

Exemptions:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR Section 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:

- Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

Penalties:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR Section 9212.4, any person wo knowingly and willfully violates the regulations of Section 9212.1 of this title shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than $1,000 or to imprisonment of not more than twelve months, or both. Restitution for total suppression or damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.

This order shall go into effect beginning at 12:01 a.m. on June 30, 2015, and will remain in force until rescinded or on December 31st, 2015, whichever event occurs first.

Prepared in Montrose, Colorado on this 29th, day of June 2015.

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