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FIRE PREVENTION ORDER NUMBER 12-07 HINSDALE AND SAN JUAN COUNTY BLM LANDS

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 Stage I restrictions remain in effect for all Bureau of Land Management (BLM) public lands in the Colorado counties of San Juan (referred to on Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch maps as Zone 2) and Hinsdale. This Order supersedes Fire Prevention Order 12-04, which was rescinded due to increased fire hazard conditions in Saguache County.

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:

The following acts are PROHIBITED within the Restricted Areas:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire.
EXCEPTIONS: Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices are allowed and fires are allowed in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within developed recreation sites.
- Smoking.
EXCEPTIONS: Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- Using an explosive (such as fireworks, blasting caps, or any incendiary device that might result in the ignition of flammable material).
- Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
- Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order meeting the appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice 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.
- Holders of valid BLM permits, leases, and authorizations are allowed to conduct authorized activities, but are advised to take extra precautions to prevent fire starts (such as wetting down areas where welding is occurring, maintaining a fire extinguisher and water on construction sites, and clearing vegetation where authorized).

Notice Regarding Exemptions: Holders of valid BLM permits, leases, and authorizations are on notice that when proceeding with such activities such Holders are responsible for conducting authorized activities in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions, and are electing to proceed at their own risk. **An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for damage, injury or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.**

PENALTIES:

Pursuant to Title 43 CFR 9212.4, any person who knowingly and willfully violates the regulations at 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. Violators may also be liable to the United States for all damages, including but not limited to restitution, fire suppression costs, rehabilitation and natural resources damages to public land.

This Order shall go into effect beginning at 12:00 a.m. on June 27, 2012 and will remain in force until rescinded or on December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

Prepared in Montrose, Colorado on this 26th day of June 2012.



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