



## **NOTICE OF STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN ALL UNINCORPORATED GUNNISON COUNTY**

In accordance with Gunnison County Resolution #2018-17, signed by the County Commissioners on May 22, 2018, the Gunnison County Sheriff, in a cooperative effort with the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests, Gunnison Ranger District, and the United States National Park Service issues the following notice:

Due to persistent warm, dry and windy conditions, which have created very high fire danger in Gunnison County, it is the order of the Gunnison County Fire Warden / Gunnison County Sheriff and the Gunnison County Board of Commissioners that, effective Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 12:01 am, all unincorporated areas of Gunnison County are under fire restriction.

The following activities are **PROHIBITED** by this resolution:

1. **FIRES/BURNING:** Fires that are not contained within permanently constructed devices, open fires/burning, agricultural burning, and the burning of trash or debris.
2. **COOKING:** Charcoal grills, hibachis, and coal or wood-burning stoves on federal lands.
3. **CAMPFIRES:** Building, maintaining, attending or using a campfire not within designated signed campgrounds or developed recreation sites with provided fire grates.
4. **FIREWORKS:** The use of fireworks or explosives. Including all incendiary devices on public or private lands, including explosive targets.

The following activities are **PERMITTED**, with the described **LIMITATIONS**:

1. **FIRES:** Fires in chimineas, fire pits, and tiki-torch type manufactured devices on private property.
2. **COOKING:** Cooking on manufactured charcoal grills, petroleum-fueled stoves or lanterns that use gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel.
3. **CAMPFIRES:** Campfires with flame length not exceeding two feet in height within pre-fabricated concrete/metal fire enclosures in established campgrounds (USFS, NPS, privately owned).
4. **FIREWORKS:** The City of Gunnison 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display, and the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> of July Crested Butte and Mt. Crested Butte professional fireworks display(s) shall be allowed unless further restricted by the Board.
5. **SMOKING:** Smoking outdoors is allowed ONLY within enclosed vehicles, buildings or developed recreation sites, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
6. **WELDING & ACETYLENE TORCHES:** Welding or operating acetylene torches with flame is allowed ONLY in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter and where the operator is in possession of a chemical-pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.
7. **CHAINSAWS:** Operating a chainsaw is allowed ONLY if the device includes a USDA Forest Service or SAE approved spark arrester, and where the operator is in possession of a chemical-pressurized fire extinguisher with a minimum rating of 2A.

As provided by Colorado Statutes, any person responsible for starting a fire while these restrictions are in place may be held accountable for all fire suppression costs incurred as well as face possible criminal charges. Persons violating fire restrictions under Gunnison County Resolution #2018-17 can also be fined under Gunnison County Ordinances 8a and 14.

For further information, please contact any of the following: Gunnison Sheriff's Office (970) 641-1113; United States Forest Service Gunnison Ranger District 970-641-0471; Gunnison Fire Marshal (970) 641 8153; Gunnison County Emergency Management (970) 641-2481; or Curecanti National Recreation Area (970) 641-2337.

## **Fire Restrictions in Effect in Gunnison County**