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Moffat County Sheriff's Office Media Release

The Office of the Moffat County Sheriff, in cooperation with state and federal agencies in a cooperative effort to prevent potential wildland fires, has placed restrictions on open burning within un-incorporated areas of Moffat County.

Moffat County Sheriff Kevin (KC) Hume requested Stage 1 restrictions on open burning from the Moffat County Commissioners on all un-incorporated private and state lands in Moffat County, effective June 16, 2021 at 00:01 am. Due to the extreme drought conditions, unseasonably warm and dry weather patterns the fire danger is extreme in our county. The concerns are that any fire could jeopardize life and or property.

Stage I Restrictions: Prohibits the following activities:

1. Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds, charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials, and those other exceptions/exemptions as noted in Section 9 of Moffat County Ordinance 13-03.
2. Using explosive material: (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps, tracer rounds, exploding targets or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material.)
3. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame; except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable material at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment and possess a chemical pressurized five pound fire extinguisher and one round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The extinguisher and shovel may be kept with the welding supplies but must be readily available for quick use.
4. Outdoor smoking except within 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.
5. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

Please contact the

Moffat County Sheriff's Office at (970) 824-4495 for further information.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Fact Sheet



Allowed



Fires in permanent fire pits, fire rings at private residences or within developed recreational sites such as a campground, or picnic area.



Fire features, chimineas and tiki torches at private residences supervised by a responsible adult.



Fires contained within liquid fueled or gas fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices.



Agricultural burns with SHERIFF'S OFFICE ISSUED PERMIT ONLY!

Only PERMITTED PROFESSIONAL FIREWORKS displays are allowed.



NOT Allowed



The personal use of all fireworks are prohibited during fire restrictions.



Any fire or campfire, not within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground, private residence, or picnic area.



Smoking, EXCEPT within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least six feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.

Operating or using any internal combustion engine, such as chainsaws, without a spark-arresting device properly installed, maintained, and in effective working order.



Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame EXCEPT in cleared areas of at least 10 ft in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher.

Target shooting with explosive targets is not permitted.