Order Number: WRF-2012-06

ORDER
FIRE RESTRICTIONS
WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands, roads and trails within the White River National Forest(s) located in Pitkin, Garfield, Rio Blanco, Summit, Eagle, Gunnison and Mesa Counties, State of Colorado This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal, wood-burning stove or sheepherder's stove, any type of charcoal-fueled broiler or open fire of any type [36CFR 261.52(a). **This includes all developed recreation sites, campgrounds and picnic areas.**

   EXCEPT: Petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices that meet the fire underwriter's specifications for safety.

2. Smoking, except within an enclosed building, or trailer. 36 CFR 261.52(c).

3. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i).

4. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
   1. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
   2. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). 36 CFR 261.52(j).

5. Operating a chainsaw without an approved spark arrestor and without a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounce capacity. Chainsaw operators are also required to have a "0" or larger round point shovel with an overall length of 36 inches and have at least five gallons of water. 36 CFR 261.52(h).

6. Using an explosive (e.g. fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material) [36 CFR 261.52(b)].

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from specified Prohibitions of this order:

1. Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, and #6.
2. Any Federal, State or Local Officer or member of an organized firefighting force in the performance of an official duty are exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, and #6.
3. Resident owners and leasers of land within the restricted area exempt from No. 1, provided such fires are within a residence, lodge or hut equipped with a spark arrester on the chimney.

This order becomes effective at midnight, June 22,2012 and will remain in force until rescinded or until December 31, 2012, whichever event occurs first.

Done at Glenwood Springs, Colorado, this 22nd day of June, 2012.

Scott Fitzwilliams
Forest Supervisor
White River National Forest

Violations of these regulations is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than $5000 for an individual or $10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both. Title 16 USC, Section 551, and 18 USC Sections 3559 and 3571.