Almost **twice as many wildfires** are recorded on July Fourth when compared to other days throughout the western United States. As recreators head to the mountains and prairies for the holiday, fire safety continues to be incredibly important.

The National Forests and Grassland in Larimer, Weld, Boulder, Gilpin, and Clear Creek counties are currently under **Stage 1 fire restrictions**. Fire restrictions prohibit certain activities on the Forests and Grassland including the following:

- Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes) outside of a developed campground or recreation site with established Forest Service fire rings or grills.
- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building or 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.

Please keep in mind that fireworks, including firecrackers, are **always** illegal on the National Forests and Grassland.

More information on current fire restrictions and prohibited activities can be found by viewing the [fire restrictions order](#) and [map](#). Watch this [Informational video](#) to learn how to properly extinguish a campfire.

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**July Fourth Parade**

**Johnny Park OHV Day**

**Road Work Alert**
Join employees of the Sulphur Ranger District, as well as Smokey Bear, at the Town of Granby's annual July Fourth Parade and celebration. This year's parade also celebrates the 150th birthday of Grand County.

The parade starts at 11 a.m. on Main Street and will be followed by the Party in the Park at Polhamus Park starting at 12 p.m.

Looking to celebrate the holiday weekend away from paved roads? Join the Canyon Lakes and Boulder Off-Highway Vehicle crews from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on July 6 for the Johnny Park Road OHV Day.

Forest Service staff and volunteers will be patrolling the road and sharing information on responsible OHV usage at the Coulson Gulch Trailhead.

Crews will be continuing road work in the Yankee Hill area of Clear Creek Ranger District next week. Road repair will be taking place at the Columbine OHV staging area July 9-10, with recreators asked to not utilize the area during that time.

Work is also scheduled at the entrance to Columbine Campground on July 11, with minimal transportation delays expected.