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Fire Restrictions on the Ashley National Forest Lifted

Vernal, Utah ... The Fire Restriction Order applicable to National Forest System lands within the Ashley, Uinta, and Wasatch-Cache National Forests, dated August 2, 2007 and signed by Jack G. Troyer, Regional Forester, is hereby terminated on August 24, 2007.

The restrictions lifted include:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire outside a fire structure that is provided by the Forest Service within a designated area, 36 CFR § 261.52(a); and
2. Smoking outside an enclosed vehicle or building, 36 CFR § 261.52(d).
3. Discharging, or using any kind of fireworks, tracer ammunition or other incendiary devices in any location on National Forest is always prohibited.

The Ashley National Forest would like to stress that the forest is still dry at lower elevations and other land management agencies may still have campfire restrictions, please check prior to going camping, re-instatement of fire restrictions is weather dependent, and caution should be used in all activities on the forest to prevent wildland fires.