

ORDER
Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests
and Pawnee National Grassland

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Due to extreme fire conditions, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are **prohibited** on lands, roads, and trails administered by the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland. These prohibitions apply to the areas depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire. 36CFR 261.52(a)
Exceptions to 36 CFR 261.52(a):
 - Building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire, campfire, or stove fire within agency provided fire grates at developed recreation sites.
 - Using petroleum fueled stoves, grills, lanterns, or heating devices provided such devices meet the underwriter's specifications for safety and used in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
2. Using an explosive. 36 CFR 261.52(b)
3. 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 material. 36 CFR 261.52(c)
4. Possessing, discharging, or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device. 36 CFR 261.52(f)
5. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine (e.g., chainsaw, generator) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - USDA, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a (as amended); or,
 - Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335(b) and J350(a). 36 CFR 261.52(j) and 43 CFR 9212.1(h)
6. Welding, or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame. 36 CFR 261.52(i)

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a US Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission may be 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 is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, and #6.
3. Holders of Forest Service special use authorizations for residences are exempt from Prohibition No. 1 above, provided such fires are within the residence.

Notice Regarding Exemptions: Holders of valid permits, leases, and authorizations are on notice that when proceeding with activities that are authorized pursuant to these Exemptions, such holders are responsible for conducting authorized activities in a safe and prudent manner using extra precautions and are electing to proceed at their own risk. An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for damage, injury or loss to the United States for any fire started while undertaking the exempted activity.

This order is in effect starting at 5:00 PM on July 12, 2012 and will remain in effect until rescinded or December 31, 2012, whichever comes first.

Done at Fort Collins, Colorado this 12th day of July, 2012.

/s/ Glenn P. Casamassa

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Violation 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. (16 USC § 551 and 18 USC §§ 3559 and 3571).