

Fire Restrictions 7/18/2012

Fire restrictions are in place on the following lands. Please review the specific order for detailed description of banned practices and activities that are allowed.

Location	Entity responsible for Order/Resolution	Order/Resolution #	Notes
NFS lands within the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests	Forest Supervisor	GMUG NF Website	Forest Returns to Stage I Fire Restrictions 7/18/12
NFS lands within the White River National Forest	Forest Supervisor	White River NF Website	No Fire Restrictions in effect effective 7/20/12.
NFS lands within the San Juan National Forest	Forest Supervisor	San Juan NF Website	Lifts restrictions at higher elevations and eases restrictions at lower elev.
All of unincorporated Gunnison County.	Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) - Gunnison County	Gunnison County	
All unincorporated Mesa County	Mesa County Sheriff /BOCC	Mesa County Sheriff's Website	Stage I Restrictions
Grand Junction and Colorado River Valley Field Offices for BLM		GJ-12-02 GJ-12-03 CRV-12-03	Stage II Fire Restrictions maintained.
Curecanti National Recreation Area	National Park Service	Fire Restrictions	
Colorado National Monument	National Park Service	Fire Restrictions	
BLM-Uncompahgre & Gunnison Field Offices	BLM-Lori Armstrong	12-07 12-08 12-09	Rescinds restrictions for BLM in Hinsdale and San Juan Counties Stage I Restrictions Stage I Restrictions
Montrose County	County Commissioners	County Website	Stage I
Delta County Lands	County Commissioners	County Website	No restrictions in effect
Ouray County Lands	County Commissioners	County Website	Stage I
San Miguel County Lands	County Commissioners	County Website	Stage I
Hinsdale County Lands	Sheriff	County Website	Rescinded effective 7/20/12
Saguache County Lands	Sheriff/BOCC	County Website	No restrictions
Garfield County Lands	Sheriff	County Website	Stage II

Stage I Restricted activities may vary by agency/jurisdiction. Restrictions on the GMUG National Forests are:

- 1) Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, coal- or wood-burning stove fire, any type of charcoal-fueled broiler or open fire of any type [36 CFR 261.52(a), 43 CFR 9212.2(a)].
EXCEPT: Fires are allowed in constructed, permanent fire pits or fire grates within recreation sites and petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns, or heating devices that meet the fire underwriters' specifications for safety. Fires that are maintained or attended within a device that has a spark arrestor or where the fire is fully enclosed within a screen at all times are allowed.
- 2) Smoking [36 CFR 261.52(d), 43 CFR 9212.2(a)].
EXCEPT: within an enclosed vehicle or building, in a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.
- 3) Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - b. Appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practice J335 (b) and J350 (a). 36 C.F.R. § 261.52(j).

ALWAYS...FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

Stage II Restricted activities may vary by agency/jurisdiction. Restrictions on the GMUG National Forests are:

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 Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest(s) located in Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, Hinsdale, Saguache, San Juan, Garfield and Gunnison Counties, State of Colorado ("the Restricted Area") and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area ("the Restricted Roads and Trails"). The Restricted Area is depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A. This Order is necessary to protect public health and safety.

PROHIBITIONS:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal grill, coal, wood burning stove or shepherd's stove, including in developed camping and picnic grounds. 36 CFR § 261.52(a)
 - a. EXCEPT: Devices using pressurized liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that include shut-off valves are permitted when used in an area at least three feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.
2. Smoking. 36 CFR § 261.52(c)
 - a. EXCEPT: Within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building.

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 (e.g. chainsaw, generator, ATV) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order meeting either:
 - a. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Standard 5100-1a; or
 - b. 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, chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (8 oz. capacity by weight or larger and kept with the operator) and a round point shovel with an overall length of at least 35 inches readily available for use. 36 CFR § 261.52(h)
6. Using an explosive requiring fuse or blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets and tracers or incendiary ammunition. 36 CFR § 261.52(b)
7. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off established roads, motorized trails or established parking areas, except when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the vehicle. 36 C.F.R. § 261.56

EXEMPTIONS:

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

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit or contract may be eligible for an exemption from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5 and #6. Any exemption must be applied for in writing, include an appropriate mitigation plan and must be authorized in writing by the appropriate Forest Service official. Your authorization must be in your possession when undertaking the exempted activities.
2. Any Federal, State or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty is exempt from Prohibitions #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7.
3. Residents, owners or lessees within the restricted area are exempt from #1, provided such fires are within a permanent dwelling and there is a spark arrestor in working order on the chimney.

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.

Additional Sources of Information:

The following website may be useful for finding restrictions in the State. www.coemergency.com/p/fire-ban-info.html

GMUG Forest Orders are posted at: [GMUG Website](#)

Fire Restrictions: [Upper Colorado Interagency Fire Management Unit](#)

Fire Restrictions: [Montrose Interagency Fire Management Unit](#)