



TEMPORARY FIRE BAN (Stage 2 Fire Restriction)

JEFFERSON COUNTY STATE OF COLORADO

This Temporary Fire Ban, dated and executed below, supersedes all previous Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans. This Temporary Fire Ban is for unincorporated areas of Jefferson County.

THIS TEMPORARY FIRE BAN APPLIES TO ALL LANDS IN UNINCORPORATED JEFFERSON COUNTY, TO INCLUDE ALL FEDERAL LANDS.

Because of continuing high fire danger conditions in Jefferson County, the following activities are prohibited:

1. Anything which produces an open flame or has the potential to create an uncontrolled fire.
2. Building, maintaining, attending, or using any fire to burn trash, debris, fence rows or vegetation, or any campfire or warming fire.
3. Use of charcoal or open fires on any public or private lands.
4. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.
5. Operating a chain saw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arresting device properly installed and in effective working order, and having a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than eight (8) ounces capacity by weight, and possessing one large size pointed shovel with an overall length of at least thirty-six (36) inches. The extinguisher shall be with the chain saw operator. The shovel may be kept with the fueling supplies, but readily available for quick use.
6. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame, except within an area that is barren or cleared of all combustible material at least ten feet on all sides from the equipment.
7. Use of an explosive initiation system requiring a burning fuse line.
8. Permissible fireworks, as defined by Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-28-101.

Exemptions to this Temporary Fire Ban are listed below:

1. Persons with a valid written permit from the Sheriff and/or the local Fire Department which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
2. Any federal, state, or local law enforcement officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Any fires contained within liquid fueled or gas fueled stoves.

NOTE: Burn permits issued and not executed prior to the effective date of this Temporary Fire Ban shall not be authorized unless one of the exemptions listed above applies.

Exemptions to this Temporary Fire Ban shall be granted within non-federal land only by the Sheriff and/or local fire department, and only if the proposed action is deemed by the Sheriff and/or the local fire department or district to be safe and mitigable. Individuals operating under any of the above exemptions shall take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires. Possible measures include, but are not limited to:

- A. Containers of adequate water or dry soil nearby.
- B. Shovels, fire extinguishers, or other extinguishing agents nearby.
- C. Coordination with the local fire department or district to be on scene or standby during the activity.

Pursuant to County Resolution CC 97-433, violations of these prohibitions, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine of not more than \$600.00. Such act(s) violate section(s) 102.8 and 308.2.1 of the International Fire Code.

This Temporary Fire Ban becomes effective at 5:00 P.M. on March 21, 2011 and shall remain in effect until superseded or rescinded.

Executed this 21st day of March, 2011, at 5:00 P.M.


Ted Mink, Sheriff