



Northern Utah to Implement Fire Restrictions

SALT LAKE (June 30, 2024) Due to the current and expected weather conditions and the drying of vegetation in northern Utah, fire managers are implementing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions beginning July 1st, at 12:01 a.m. on all unincorporated Private and State lands in Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Weber, Tooele, Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, & Morgan Counties. Incorporated cities and towns are not included. Please contact your local fire department or county fire warden for specific private land fire restrictions.

Fire Management Officer Dustin Richards, with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, stated, "Human-caused wildfires are currently at their highest levels in the past three years. Once again, Utah received a lot of snow this year, resulting in new growth of grass and shrubs. With all this additional vegetation, it only takes one spark to start a wildfire."

While Stage 1 Fire Restrictions are in effect, the following acts are prohibited:

- No open fires of any kind except within established public facilities in improved campgrounds or picnic areas. -OR- In permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present.
- Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
- Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition, or other pyrotechnic devices, including exploding targets.
- Cutting, welding, or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
- Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.

Please be aware that fire restrictions vary among agencies and do not apply to incorporated cities. Please check the specific fire restrictions with the respective land management agency before visiting. Visit utahfireinfo.gov for more information.

###

Media Contact: Kayli Guild, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, 385-377-0336, kayliguild@utah.gov