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Moffat County Sheriff's Office Press Release

The Office of the Moffat County Sheriff, in cooperation with state and federal agencies in a cooperative effort to prevent potential wildland fires, has placed restrictions on open burning within un-incorporated areas of Moffat County.

Moffat County Sheriff Kevin (KC) Hume requested Stage 1 restrictions on open burning from the Moffat County Commissioners on all un-incorporated private and state lands in Moffat County, effective June 29, 2018 at 8:00 am. Due to the unseasonably warm and dry weather patterns the fire danger is very high in our county. The concerns are that any fire could jeopardize life and or property.

Stage I Restrictions: Prohibits the following activities:

1. Open burning, excepting fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds, charcoal grills and wood burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared of all flammable materials, and those other exceptions/exemptions as noted in Section 9 of Moffat County Ordinance 13-03.
2. Using explosive material: (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps, tracer rounds, exploding targets or any incendiary device which may result in the ignition of flammable material.)
3. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with an open flame; except within an area that is barren or cleared of all flammable material at least 10 feet on all sides from the equipment and possess a chemical pressurized five pound fire extinguisher and one round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches. The extinguisher and shovel may be kept with the welding supplies but must be readily available for quick use.
4. Outdoor 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 materials.
5. Operating or using any internal combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order.

Please contact the

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