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Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Moffat County Ordinance 13-03

Section 7. Definitions

Open fire or open burning: For purposes of this Ordinance, open fires or open burning shall be defined as any outdoor fire, including, but not limited to, campfires, warming fires, charcoal grill fires, fires in wood-burning stoves, the use of explosives, outdoor welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame other than in an area cleared of all flammable materials, fireworks of all kinds or brands, and the prescribed burning of fence lines or rows, fields, farmlands, rangelands, trash, and debris.

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.
2. Using explosive material: (i.e.: fireworks, blasting caps 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.

Stage 1 Fire Restrictions (continued)

Section 8. Unlawful Acts

During Stage I or Stage II Restrictions, it shall be unlawful for any person to build, maintain, attend or use an open fire, conduct an open burn, conduct sales of fireworks, or engage in outdoor smoking other than as excepted, in the unincorporated areas of Moffat County, including public, private, state, and applicable federal lands.

Section 9. Exceptions/Exemptions

The following shall not be in violation of Section 8:

9.1. Commercial or community fireworks displays properly permitted.

9.2. The following are exempt from this ordinance:

A. Fires contained within liquid-fueled or gas-fueled stoves.

B. Indoor fireplaces and wood-burning stoves.

C. Outdoor charcoal grills and wood-burning stoves during Stage 1 Restrictions, providing they are at private residences and in an area cleared of all flammable materials including dry vegetation.

9.3 The burning of irrigation ditches in the designated areas is prohibited by this Order EXCEPT for ditches located within, and completely surrounded by, irrigated farmlands where such burning is necessary for crop survival. Prior to such excepted ditch burning, written permission must be obtained from the Sheriff by and through the Fire Management Officer.

9.4 Persons with a permit or written authorization from the Sheriff by and through the Fire Management Officer specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

9.5 Any federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force, in the performance of an official duty.

9.6 Any further exemptions to either the meaning of terms or the enforcement of this Ordinance shall be granted only by the Sheriff, through the Fire Management Officer, or for exemptions upon or within state or federal lands located within Moffat County, by the administering state or federal agency, and only if the proposed action is deemed by the Moffat County Sheriff, through the Fire Management Officer, to be safe and mitigable.