

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2765

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROCLAMATION OF ADVANCED CLOSED FIRE SEASON IN SOUTHWEST UTAH

WHEREAS, the Utah State Forester, in accordance with Utah Code Section 65A-8-211(1), has advanced the closed fire season in Southwest Utah to begin on May 1, 2021 instead of June 1, 2021 (A copy of the proclamation is attached.);

WHEREAS, Washington County ("County") recognizes the fire threat that naturally-caused weather conditions pose to people and property within the County;

WHEREAS, wildfire danger is unseasonably high due to warmer temperatures, drier than normal weather and abnormally dry fuel conditions in Southwest Utah, including in the County;

WHEREAS, wildlands threatened by wildfire are critical to sustain public safety, health and economic well-being;


WHEREAS, an advancement of the closed fire season would reduce open burning on unincorporated state and private land; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the residents of Washington County that the closed fire season be extended until the fire risk lessens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, that Washington County supports the advancement of the closed fire season as described in the attached Utah State Forester Proclamation.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON THE 4th DAY OF MAY, 2021.

WASHINGTON COUNTY


Gil Almquist, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:



Kim M. Hafen
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Almquist voted Aye
Commissioner Cox voted Absent
Commissioner Iverson voted Aye

Approved as to Form:



Deputy Washington County Attorney



SPENCER J. COX
Governor

DEIDRE M. HENDERSON
Lieutenant Governor

State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BRIAN C. STEED
Executive Director

Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands

JAMIE BARNES
Acting Division Director

Proclamation of Advanced Closed Fire Season in Southwest Utah

Whereas; wildfire danger is unseasonably high due to warmer temperatures, drier than normal weather and abnormally dry fuel conditions in Southwest Utah, and

Whereas; wildlands threatened by wildfire are critical to sustain public safety, health and economic well-being, and

Whereas; an advancement of the closed fire season would reduce open burning on unincorporated state and private land, and

Whereas; open burning is known to be a frequent cause of wildfires;

Therefore; in accordance with Utah State Statute §65A-8-211(1)(c), I do hereby proclaim that the closed fire season which normally begins on June 1, be advanced to begin on May 1, 2021 in Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane and Washington counties.

Brett Ostler

Brett Ostler (Apr 22, 2021 17:43 MDT)

04/22/2021

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer

Jamie Barnes

Jamie Barnes (Apr 22, 2021 17:54 MDT)

04/22/2021

Jamie Barnes, Acting Director

Gerry Gray

Gerry Gray (Apr 22, 2021 16:50 PDT)

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Gerry Gray, Acting State Forester

