

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2780

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATE FIRE RESTRICTION ORDER

Washington County (“County”) is experiencing an “exceptional drought,” the most severe since the mid-1950’s;

WHEREAS, due to the current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in Southwest Utah, the State Forester, in consultation with the county commission of each of the affect counties, has determined that measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of forest and rangeland fires;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the attached Fire Restriction Order, and in accordance with Utah Code Section 65A-8-212, the following acts are prohibited in all unincorporated private and all state lands within Washington County:

1. No open fires of any kind except within established public facilities in improved campgrounds, picnic areas. -OR- In permanently constructed fire pits at private homes where running water is present.
2. 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.
3. Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets.
4. Cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
5. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.

WHEREAS, the Fire Restriction Order also lists two small categories of exempt persons from these rules;

WHEREAS, any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000; and

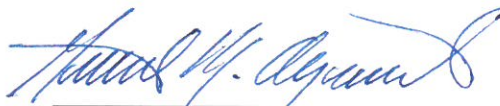
WHEREAS, supporting the Fire Restriction Order is in the public interest and preserves the community’s economic, environmental, recreational and aesthetic resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH, that Washington County supports the attached Fire Restriction Order.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

(Signature block on following page.)

WASHINGTON COUNTY



Gil Almquist, Chair
Washington County Commission

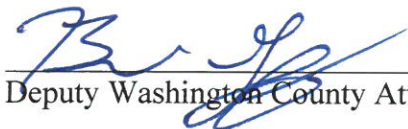
ATTEST:



Kim M. Hafen
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Almquist voted *AYE*
Commissioner Cox voted *AYE*
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
Interim Director

ORDER # SWCLO2101

Fire Restriction Order (Stage 1)

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in Southwest Utah, the State Forester, in consultation with the county commission of each of the affected counties, has determined that measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of forest and rangeland fires. Therefore, pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the following acts are prohibited in the areas described below until rescinded by the Utah State Forester:

1. No open fires of any kind except within established **public** facilities in improved campgrounds, picnic areas. -OR- In permanently constructed fire pits at **private** homes where running water is present.
2. 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.
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The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. Persons with a permit or waiver issued by the Division, specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the permittee of liability if a fire does occur.
2. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Area Description: All unincorporated private and all state lands within the following area: All of Beaver, Garfield, Kane, Iron, and Washington counties. This order does not affect private lands within incorporated towns or city limits.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. These restrictions will be enforced by county law enforcement.

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., 26th day of May, 2021

Brett Ostler

Brett Ostler (May 19, 2021 16:57 MDT)

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer

Jamie Barnes

Jamie Barnes (May 19, 2021 18:40 MDT)

Jamie Barnes, Interim Director

Gerry Gray

Gerry Gray (May 20, 2021 06:12 PDT)

Gerry Gray, Acting State Forester

