

RESOLUTION NO. R-2021-2789

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL FIRE RESTRICTIONS ORDER

WHEREAS, Washington County (“County”) is in a drought and experiencing extreme fire danger conditions and also an increase in human caused fires;

WHEREAS, due to the current and forecasted weather conditions, coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in Southwest Utah and Northern Arizona, the Color Country Interagency Fire Managers are implementing Advanced (Stage II) Fire Restrictions;

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

1. Igniting, building, attending, using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, wood stove fire, including fires in developed campgrounds and improved sites. All debris burning is strictly prohibited. No campfires are allowed in any location until restrictions are rescinded. The one exception is that in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, campfires are permitted below the high-water mark of the lake in areas devoid of vegetation.
2. Discharging or using any kind of fireworks on unincorporated private land (always prohibited on state and federal lands.)
3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order as determined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335 and J350.
4. Operating a chainsaw or other motorized equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, other than motorized vehicles between the hours of 1:00 PM and 10:00 PM. A one-hour fire watch is required after chainsaw or other motorized equipment has shutdown.
5. Detonating of explosives, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnics, or exploding targets, or tracer ammunition (always prohibited on federal land).
6. Cutting, welding, or grinding of metal in areas of dry vegetation.
7. Smoking except in an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed recreation site or areas of a minimum of three (3) feet in diameter cleared down to mineral soil.

WHEREAS, supporting the Additional Fire Restrictions 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 Additional Fire Restrictions.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON THE
6TH DAY OF JULY, 2021.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Gil Almquist, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:

Susan Lewis, Chief Deputy
Acting Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Almquist voted _____
Commissioner Cox voted _____
Commissioner Iverson voted _____

Approved as to Form:

Deputy Washington County Attorney