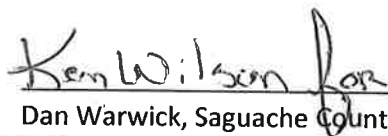


Pursuant to Saguache County Ordinance 2013-1, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF OPEN FIRE BANS BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR THE COUNTY SHERIFF, I have determined that Stage 2 fire restrictions need to be implemented due to the "high" fire danger in Saguache County which is approaching "extreme". The following will now apply under Section II. Prohibited Activities of Ordinance 2013-01:


This Fire Ban is for all of Saguache County, effective October 1, 2019

SECTION II. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES:

- (1) The following activities are deemed to be "open fires" for the purposes of this Ordinance and are subject to ban:
  - (A) Building, maintaining, attending or using an open fire to burn trash, debris, fence rows, or vegetation, any campfire (including in Forest Service Campgrounds), warming fire, or charcoal grill. (Propane grill fires are allowed).
  - (B) Lighting of fireworks of any kind, explosives, blasting caps, or any incendiary which may result in the ignition of flammable material.
  - (C) Smoking except in an enclosed vehicle or building.
  - (D) Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame.
  - (E) Disposing of any burning material or material hot enough to cause the ignition of weeds or grass such as cigarette or cigar butts or hot coals, except in a fireproof receptacle designed for such disposal.
  - (F) The use of chainsaws and other internal combustion engines unless equipped with a spark arrestor, and accompanied onsite by a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces weight capacity, and a size 0 or larger round pointed shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
- (2) The following person(s) shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance:
  - (A) Persons with a valid permit or authorization from the Saguache County Sheriff specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act. i.e. Outdoor Cremations, agricultural needs.
  - (B) Any federal, state or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

  
Dan Warwick, Saguache County Sheriff



  
Trish Gilberts, Saguache Clerk and Recorder

RESOLUTION 2019  
DECLARING A FIRE HAZARD EMERGENCY  
IN SAGUACHE COUNTY

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County has authority under the provisions of C.R.S. 30-11-107 (County Powers) and pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. 30-15-401 to do and to make all acts and to make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health and welfare of its citizens of Saguache County and to ban open fires to a degree and in a manner that the Board of County Commissioners deems necessary to reduce the danger of wildfires within those portions of unincorporated areas of the county where danger of forest or grass fires is found to be high; and

WHEREAS the Sheriff of Saguache County is empowered under the provisions of C.R.S. 30-10-513 to assume charge and assist governmental authority in an emergency for controlling and extinguishing forest or prairie fires; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County Deems the weather conditions and lack of snow or rainfall to have created a threat of fire in forests and prairies of Saguache County and that the current state of emergency exists with respect of fire danger; and

WHEREAS the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County finds that based upon competent evidence the danger of wild fires within Saguache County is high. The Saguache County Board of Commissioners declares Saguache County under Level I Fire Restrictions, which prohibits:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, or any type of charcoal-fueled broiler or bar-b-que grill, burning ditches, fence rows and trash, including household trash.
2. Using explosive material; i.e. fireworks, blasting caps or any incendiary device which may result in ignition of flammable material.
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
4. Welding or operating an acetylene or similar torch with an open flame.

The following actions are permitted:

1. Fires including stoves within enclosed building or recreational vehicles and chainsaws which are equipped with adequate spark arresting screens which prevent the escape of sparks.
2. Mechanical stoves and appliance fueled by bottled or liquid gas which allows the operator to turn the flame on and off are permitted.

As provided by Colorado Statute, any person responsible for starting a fire while this ban is in effect will be held accountable for all damages caused as well as fire suppression costs incurred.


Anyone who will be engaged in any permitted activity is encouraged to take extra precautions, make sure the fire is monitored at all times, and make absolutely sure the fire is completely extinguished.

The restrictions apply to all unincorporated areas in Saguache County.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Saguache County declares a fire danger emergency to exist with Saguache County and forthwith bans all open fires within Saguache County beginning April 4, 2018 at 12:00 P.M. until such time as this resolution and order is rescinded. The Sheriff of Saguache County is hereby directed to assume his statutory duties under the provisions of C.R.S. 30-15-516 and all other authority granted to the Sheriff.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SAGUACHE COUNTY

By

  
Chairman of the Board