

TEMPORARY STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS
NO SHOOTING

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY
STATE OF COLORADO

**THESE TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL LANDS IN
UNINCORPORATED CLEAR CREEK COUNTY**

Pursuant to the Annual Operating Plan regarding the implementation of Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans; to conform to the USFS Fire Ban Order R2-2020-02 issued April 7, 2020, prohibiting certain fires in the Arapaho & Roosevelt National Forest (and throughout the Rocky Mountain Region) under its authority to protect the national forests from destruction by fire (16 USC §551); and recognizing that the COVID-19 pandemic means fire responders are not available to fight fires and attempting to do so increases the risks of spreading the virus; and due to the continuing high fire danger conditions within Clear Creek County in these conditions; the following activities are prohibited pursuant to Stage 1 Restrictions:

1. Igniting, building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire as defined in Ordinance No. 8, or using a fire, including charcoal grills, and barbeques, coal and wood burning stoves and shepherd's stoves.
2. Sale, possessing, discharging or using any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device to include sparklers. This order does not differentiate between lawful use or careless/negligent use of fireworks, but prohibits all fireworks activity and use on public lands as identified above, **except municipal-conducted fireworks shows** with liability insurance, fire mitigation in preparation and fire suppression on scene during and as needed after the display. This order as it relates to fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices shall expire when this ban is lifted.
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer, or building.
4. All other outdoor spark or flame producing activities.
5. Shooting (discharging of fire arms of any kind) IS PROHIBITED EXCEPT when target shooting within designated shooting range in Clear Creek County (which is only the Clear Creek County Sportsmen Club located on Stanley Road and the Clear Creek County Sheriff's office range off U.S. Highway 6).

"Open Fire" is defined in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 8 as: "Any fire outdoors for any purpose, including, but not limited to, bonfires, campfires, charcoal or wood barbeques; lighting off fireworks of any kind, trash or rubbish burning, smoking and lawn, weed, ditch or crop burning"; but excludes "propane or natural gas barbeque or liquid fuel stove if it is attended at all times and is in a fully enclosed, covered barbeque grill or is contained within a liquid fuel stove."

NOTE: Burn permits issued and not executed prior to the effective date of these Temporary Fire Restrictions shall not be authorized unless approved by the

issuing agency on the day of execution.

Exemptions approved under these Temporary Fire Restrictions:

- Persons with a valid written permit from the Sheriff or appropriate Fire Authority which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
- Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- Persons using pressurized liquid or gas devices (stoves, grills or lanterns) with shut-off valves in an area at least three feet away from any flammable materials.
- Residents, owners or lessees within the areas above who are using a fire in a permanent dwelling with an effective and properly installed USDA - or SAE – approved spark arrestor.
- Charcoal grill fires at private residences.
- Open fires required in religious ceremonies and for which a valid written permit has been granted in advance by the local Fire Department or District.

Individuals operating under any of the above exemptions shall take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires. Measures include, but are not limited to:

1. Containers of adequate water or dry soil nearby; and/or
2. Shovels, fire extinguishers, or other extinguishing agents nearby and/or
3. Coordination with the local Fire Department or District to be on scene or standby during an activity.

ENFORCEMENT

Violators may be charged with 4th degree Arson, and/or Reckless Endangerment, or unlawful conduct on public or private property, or as provided in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 8, as determined by the Sheriff.

These Temporary Fire Restrictions will become effective at 12:00 p.m. on APRIL 9th, 2020, and shall remain in effect until superseded or repealed.

Executed this 9th day of April, 2020, at 07:30 (A.M./P.M.).

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF


Rick Albers