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ORDER # NECLO2656

Fire Restriction Order (Stage 2)

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in **Uintah** County, Utah, the State Forester, in consultation with the Director of State Parks, 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pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the **following acts are prohibited** in the areas described below until rescinded by the Utah State Forester: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. Building, maintaining, attending or using **any fire**, campfire, or stove fire*. This includes charcoal grills and barbecues, coal and wood burning stoves and tent stoves and includes use at homes and in developed camping and picnic grounds.
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.

Area Description: All unincorporated state and private lands within **Uintah** County, Utah.

All of this order does not affect private lands within incorporated towns or city limits.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. *Devices using pellets, pressurized liquid or gas (stoves, grills or lanterns) that include shut-off valves **are permitted** when used in an area at least three feet or more from flammable material such as grasses or pine needles.
2. 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.
3. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

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 June, 2026

Brett Ostler

Brett Ostler (Jun 25, 2026 08:40:00 MDT)

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer

Jamie Barnes

Jamie Barnes (Jun 25, 2026 17:47:40 MDT)

Jamie Barnes, State Forester

