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## **FIRE PREVENTION ORDER ORDER NUMBER UTW002-2023-01**

Under authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Title 43, United States Code, Section 1701, et. seq.) and pursuant to Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 9212.2(a) and 9212.1(b) the following restrictions are in effect for lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) West Desert District within the counties of Box Elder, Cache, Juab, Millard, Morgan, Rich, Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Utah, Wasatch, and Weber.

It is the policy of the BLM to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands, and the resources and improvements thereon through the prevention of wildfires. Wherever possible, the BLM's actions will complement and support state and local wildfire prevention actions. 43 U.S.C. § 9212.0-6

**Under Title 43 CFR § 9212.1, Prohibited Acts: Unless permitted in writing by the Authorized Officer, it is prohibited to perform any act restricted by this Fire Prevention Order on the above-described public lands.**

### **Prohibited Acts from June 27 until Rescinded:**

1. Use of any steel component ammunition of any caliber.
2. Use of any steel component target.
3. Use of any Sky Lanterns, Chinese Lanterns, Fire Balloons, Acetylene Balloons or similar device.
4. Use of any Off-Highway Vehicle that is **not** equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arrester. Spark arresters shall meet the 80 percent efficiency level standard when determined by the appropriate Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335 and J350. Refer to Title 43 CFR §8343.1.

### **Acts Prohibited by Fire Prevention Order No. UT 910-21-001 and CFR § 9212.1(b) (year-round):**

1. The non-commercial use/discharge of explosives of any kind, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnic devices, exploding targets, pressurized containers or canisters, and binary explosives.
2. The use/discharge of any kind of fireworks.
3. Use of any tracer or incendiary ammunition of any caliber.

### **Exemptions:** Pursuant to Title 43 CFR § 9212.2, the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
2. Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.
3. The general public using "Class C common state approved" fireworks on July 4 along the access road to the Bonneville Salt Flats Special Recreation Management Area. "Class C common state approved" fireworks are fireworks that are purchased at a retail store in the State of Utah for use by a consumer in Utah.
4. Off-Highway Vehicle without SAE spark arresters may be operated at the following locations: Bonneville Salt Flats Special Recreation Area, Knolls Off-Highway Vehicle Special Recreation Area, and Little Sahara Recreation Area.

**An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity listed in exemptions 2 and 3.**

**Penalties:** Anyone who is found guilty of violating a fire prevention order may be subject to prosecution under any applicable law or BLM regulation. A violation of this order may be classified as a Class A Misdemeanor Offense under 43 USC 1733(a) FLPMA, 18 USC 3559, and 18 USC 3571 Sentence of Fine - Sentencing Reform Act, Oct. 12, 1984. If the violation does not result in death, anyone who violates this order may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months, or may be fined in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571. Restitution for total fire suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the responsible party."

**This order shall go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 27, 2023, and will remain in force until rescinded.**

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