Fire Prevention Order BLM-WY-060-2024-01 Stage 1 Fire Restrictions

Casper Field Office

Due to dry conditions and high fire danger, the Bureau of Land Management Casper Field Office is implementing fire restrictions for all BLM-administered public lands within the boundaries of Platte and Goshen Counties, beginning June 26th, 2024.

Under fire restrictions the following acts are prohibited:

- Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire except within agency-provided fire grates at developed recreation sites, or within fully enclosed stoves with a ¹/₄" spark arrester type screen, or within fully enclosed grills, or in stoves using pressurized liquid or gas.
- Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arrester properly installed and working, a chemical fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity by weight, and one round point shovel with an overall length of at least 36 inches.
- Using a welder, either arc or gas, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame, except in cleared areas of at least 10 feet in diameter with a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher of not less than 8 ounces capacity.

These fire restrictions are in addition to the year-round wildfire prevention restrictions on BLM-administered public lands in Wyoming. These are:

- Discharge or use of any fireworks.
- Discharge of a firearm using incendiary or tracer ammunition.
- Burn, ignite or cause to burn any tire, wire, magnesium, or any other hazardous or explosive material
- Operate any off-road vehicle on public lands unless the vehicle is equipped with a properly installed spark arrester pursuant to 43 CFR 8343.1 (c).
- Use/discharge of explosives of any kind, incendiary devices, pyrotechnic devices, or exploding targets.

The following persons are exempt from this order:

Executed in Casper, Wyoming, this day of 25 June, 2024.

- 1. Persons with a permit or letter of authorization specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

Larry Sandoval – Casper Field Office Manager	

Violation of this Fire Prevention Order is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100,000, or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both. (43 CFR 9212.4 and 18 U.S.C. 3571). Restitution for total suppression and damage costs incurred will be borne by the violator.