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## **FIRE PREVENTION ORDER ORDER NUMBER UTW002-2024-02**

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(b), the following restrictions are in effect for lands managed by the BLM West Desert District within the counties of Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Morgan, Rich, Salt Lake, Tooele, Utah, Wasatch, and Weber.

It is the policy of the BLM to take all necessary actions to protect human life, the public lands, along with 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. The BLM – West Desert District is increasing restrictions to “Stage 1 Fire Restrictions”, to include the prohibited acts listed below. (This order incorporates the Fire Prevention Order Number UTW002-2024-01 already in place).

**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### **Prohibited Acts (until rescinded):**

1. Trash or refuse fires between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm, except inside containers provided with spark arresters and located within a cleared area ten feet in radius.
2. Building or using any open fire or campfire, except within agency provided fire grates at developed campgrounds, or within fully enclosed stoves, grills, or in stoves using pressurized liquid or gas.
3. Use of acetylene cutting torches or electric arc welders, except in cleared areas ten feet in radius.
4. Smoking cigarettes, except within an enclosed vehicle, building, developed recreation site or while stopped in a cleared area of at least three feet in diameter that is barren and cleared of all flammable material.
5. Operating a chainsaw without a properly installed USDA or SAE approved spark arresting device, a five-pound fire extinguisher and a shovel.
6. Using explosives requiring fuses or electric blasting caps.

### **Permissible Acts:**

1. Charcoal fires within enclosed grills.
2. Propane or open fire branding activities in cleared areas ten feet in radius.

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

1. All exemptions to the restriction are obtained through local permits issued by the authorized office for activities that will not conflict with the purpose of the order (Title 43 CFR § 9212.3).
2. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

### **Penalties:**

Anyone in violation of this Fire Prevention Order may be subject to civil liability or criminal 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. Pursuant to 18 USC 3571, 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. 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 July 01, 2024 and will remain in force until rescinded.**

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