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**FIRE PREVENTION ORDER
ORDER NUMBER UTW002-2025-05**

**STAGE 2 Fire Restrictions Rescission
This Fire Prevention Order rescinds and replaces Fire Prevention Order FPO UTW002-2025-04.**

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, 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. The BLM – West Desert District is reinstating “Stage 1 Fire Restrictions” and rescinding “Stage 2 Fire Restrictions” to include the following prohibited acts.

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Prohibited Acts associated with “Stage 1 Restrictions” and Fire Prevention Order UTW002-20250-01(until rescinded):

1. Open fires of any kind except within established public facilities in improved campgrounds, picnic areas.
2. 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.
3. Grinding, cutting, and welding of metal.
4. Operating a chainsaw, or other internal combustion engine without a properly installed USDA or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) approved spark arresting device.
5. Use of any steel component ammunition of any caliber or any steel component target.
6. Use of any Sky Lanterns, Chinese Lanterns, Fire Balloons, Acetylene Balloons or similar device.
7. Use of any Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) that is **not** equipped with a properly installed and maintained spark arrestor. Spark arresters shall meet the 80 percent efficiency level standard when determined by the appropriate SAE recommended practices J335 and J350. (Title 43 CFR § 8343.1).

Acts Prohibited by Fire Prevention Order No. UT 910-23-001 and 43 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 as defined by this order.
3. Use of any tracer or incendiary ammunition of any caliber.

Permissible Acts:

1. Devices fueled by petroleum or liquid petroleum gas in all locations.

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

1. Campfires and open fires outside of established and improved campgrounds, picnic areas are permitted within Little Sahara Recreation Area.
2. 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).
3. Any federal, state, or local officer or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.
4. Persons with a BLM-issued permit specifically authorizing an otherwise prohibited act.
5. Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) without SAE spark arresters may be operated at the following locations: Bonneville Salt Flats Special Recreation Area, Knolls Special Recreation Area, and Little Sahara Recreation Area.

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 August 29, 2025, and will remain in force until rescinded.

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