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City of Glenwood Springs Moves to Stage 2 Fire Restrictions on June 16

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – Due to the increasing risk of wildfires throughout the Glenwood Springs area, City staff have determined it necessary to move from Stage 1 to Stage 2 fire restrictions. Stage 2 fire restrictions go into effect June 16; Stage 1 fire restrictions remain in effect until June 16.

City code (110.020.180) allows for the City Council or City Manager to impose a fire restriction and/or ban if there is high fire danger.

The following Stage 2 restrictions shall be strictly enforced:

- No fires/campfires/stove fires.
- No charcoal grills and no wood or coal fires for cooking purposes. This applies to personal and City park charcoal grills. Only natural gas or propane grills with a shut off valve shall be permitted. Allowed outdoor cooking fires shall be attended at all times until the fire is extinguished and cold.
- No smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building.
- **No operating of any combustion engine**, including chainsaws, without an approved spark arrester properly installed, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher, and a round-point shovel readily available for use.
- No welding, spark emitting cutting, or operating acetylene or other torch with an open flame except for industrial use with a Fire Department permit only. This must be in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and in possession of a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher.
- **No use of any explosive**. All explosives are prohibited, including: blasting caps, exploding targets, bullets, tracer rounds, model rockets, etc.
- **No fireworks.** All fireworks are prohibited, including: toy caps, sparklers, snakes, smoke bombs, fountains, etc.

The Glenwood Springs Police Department will be strictly enforcing these fire restrictions. Violations can be reported to the Police Department at 970-384-6500 or to the Garfield County non-emergency line at 970-625-8095. Violators will receive a summons into Municipal Court.

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