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Fire Restrictions expanded into Beaver County

Due to increasing potential for human caused wildfire activity, forecasted continued dry conditions, and high fire danger in southwest Utah, the State Forester in consultation with the Beaver County Commission are implementing restrictions beginning Monday, July 22 at 00:01 a.m. See below.

As a reminder, the following describes the restrictions implemented July 1, 2019 by each fire management agency in the Color Country Fire Management Area which now includes Beaver County.

Please reference the fire restrictions map posted on <u>Utahfireinfo.gov</u> for further details.

Restricted Lands in Washington, Kane and Iron Counties:

- Unincorporated privately owned and all state administered lands (Utah Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands) Incorporated towns and cities are not included in these restrictions. (Contact your local fire department for municipal restrictions).
- Bureau of Land Management in Washington and Kane Counties.
- National Park Service (Zion National Park).

Exceptions within affected counties:

- 1. The Kolob Terrace, private land east of the Zion National Park boundary in Washington County.
 - 2. Private lands surrounded by the Dixie National Forest such as Duck Creek Village and surrounding lands as well as private lands north of the intersection of the Glendale Bench Rd and Hwy 89 in Kane County These areas are NOT included in this closure.

Restrictions for Beaver and Iron County Unincorporated Private Lands:

The following acts are prohibited until further notice:

1. Detonating of fireworks, explosives, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnics, or exploding targets, or tracer ammunition (always prohibited on state and federal land).

Restrictions for Washington and Kane Counties

The Following acts are prohibited until further notice:

- 1. Igniting, building, maintaining, or using a fire, including charcoal and briquettes, outside a fire structure provided by the agency within a designated area is prohibited. All debris burning is strictly prohibited.
- 2. Campfires are allowed in all developed recreation sites, campgrounds, picnic areas, and home sites that are maintained and administered by the agency, or home sites where running water is present are allowed. Stoves or grills that are fueled solely by liquid petroleum fuels are also allowed.
- 3. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order as determined by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended practices J335 and J350.
- 4. Detonating of fireworks, explosives, incendiary or chemical devices, pyrotechnics, or exploding targets, or tracer ammunition (always prohibited on federal land).
- 5. Cutting, welding, or grinding of metal in areas of dry vegetation.
- 6. Smoking except in an enclosed vehicle or building, or a developed recreation site or areas of a minimum of three (3) feet in diameter cleared down to mineral soil.

Please Note: Lands not in fire restrictions are becoming increasingly dry and fire danger is increasing daily. Please ensure your campfire is completely out before you leave and all ignition sources are a safe distance away from vegetation to mitigated unwanted wildfires.

Fire Managers are continually evaluating the need for further fire restrictions. Please verify with your local land management agency or fire department in your area before conducting any fire related activity in question.

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