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ORDER # SWCLO2501

Fire Restriction Order (Stage 1)

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry vegetation conditions in Southwest Utah, the State Forester, in consultation with the county commission of the affected county, has determined that measures must be taken to prevent the ignition of forest and rangeland fires. Therefore, pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the following acts are prohibited in the areas described below until rescinded by the Utah State Forester:

1. No open fires of any kind except within established **public** facilities in improved campgrounds, picnic areas. -OR- In permanently constructed fire pits at **private** homes where running water is present.
2. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle, trailer or building, a developed recreation site or while stopped in an area that is paved or free from dry vegetation.
3. Discharging or using any fireworks, tracer ammunition or other pyrotechnic devices including exploding targets.
4. Cutting, welding or grinding metal in areas of dry vegetation.
5. Operating a motorcycle, chainsaw, ATV, or other small internal combustion engine without an approved and working spark arrestor.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. Persons with a permit or waiver issued by the Division, specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location. A waiver does not relieve the permittee of liability if a fire does occur.
2. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Area Description: All **unincorporated private** and all **state lands** within the following area: All of **Washington, Kane, AND Garfield Counties**. This order does not affect private lands within incorporated towns or city limits.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and is punishable by up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000. These restrictions will be enforced by county law enforcement.

Effective Date: **12:01 a.m., 1st day of June, 2025**

Brett Ostler

Brett Ostler (May 29, 2025 18:17 MDT)

Brett Ostler, State Fire Management Officer

Jamie Barnes

Jamie Barnes (May 30, 2025 10:10 MDT)

Jamie Barnes, State Forester

