

## News & Events

### **Fire Restrictions in Place for Some BLM and National Forest L**

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**DURANGO INTERAGENCY FIRE I**  
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**COLORADO**  
*(See attached maps **depicting east and west portions of San Ju***

In cooperation with Archuleta, La Plata Montezuma and Dolores counties and Mesa Verde National Park, fire restrictions will go into effect on and southern portions of the San Juan National Forest and BLM lands. Restrictions are necessary due to continued high temperatures, low humidity, high

Stage 1 fire restrictions will be in effect on San Juan Public Lands:

south of U.S. Highway 160 between Pagosa Springs and Mancos; east and west of State Highway 84 from Pagosa to the New Mexico line; south of State Highway 184 from Mancos to Dolores; and southwest of the Dolores River from McPhee Reservoir to the S

This means that, for Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Montezuma Mountains and other public lands in the above described area:

campfires are limited to permanent fire rings or grates within designated areas; smoking is limited to vehicles, buildings, or 3-foot wide areas cleared of brush; chainsaws and other internal-combustion engines must have approved safety features; acetylene and other torches with an open flame are prohibited; and the use of explosives is prohibited.

“The restriction boundaries take into account that elevations below 8,000 feet and elevations remain green, often with patches of snow and running water. This is a Public Lands Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist. “We have pre-positioned resources in our area as a precaution, including initial attack crews and a Tanker is currently based in Durango.”

Since March, the Durango Interagency Fire Dispatch Center has responded to fires in southwest Colorado this season. Recent forecasts call for the arrival of monsoon but initial surges of monsoon moisture may bring lightning with little

Fire managers recommend following these safety tips, even if you are

Dispose of cigarette butts in an ashtray or other appropriate container.  
Make sure chainsaws have working spark arresters, and carry them with you when cutting firewood.

Park your vehicle in areas cleared of vegetation, not over dry grass.  
If you are in an area where campfires are allowed, use an established fire ring, keep a shovel and water handy,

Always put campfires completely out every time you leave camp.  
There is no smoke and ashes are cool to the touch.

Fireworks are not allowed on public lands, even when restrictions are lifted.

For more information, contact the San Juan Public Lands office near Durango, CO.  
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