TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS CLEAR CREEK COUNTY STATE OF COLORADO

These Temporary Fire Restrictions, dated and executed below, supersede all previous Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans.

THESE TEMPORARY FIRE RESTRICTIONS APPLY TO ALL LANDS IN UNINCORPORATED CLEAR CREEK COUNTY INCLUDING ALL FEDERAL LANDS.

Pursuant to the Annual Operating Plan regarding the implementation of Fire Restrictions and Fire Bans, and due to the continuing high fire danger conditions within Clear Creek County, the following activities are prohibited pursuant to Stage 2 restrictions:

- 1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire or campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove, EXCEPT the use of petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices, providing such devices are used in compliance with manufacturer's recommendations for safety and are attended at all times, is allowed;
- 2. Using an explosive (e.g. fireworks); shooting (discharging of fire arms of any kind) EXCEPT for hunting with valid hunting license or within designated shooting range (in Clear Creek County, which is only the Clear Creek County Sportsmen Club located on Stanley Road and the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office range off of U.S. Hwy 6).
- 3. Smoking, EXCEPT within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials;
- 4. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off roads, EXCEPT when parking in an area devoid of vegetation within 10 feet of the roadway or driveway serving private property; and EXCEPT for parking overnight in Forest Service developed campgrounds and trailheads; no off road (cross country travel) of any kind.
- 5. Welding or operating an acetylene or other torch with open flame; and
- 6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine (e.g. chainsaw) without a spark arresting device properly installed, maintained and in effective working order;
- 7. Disposing of any burning object outdoors; and
- 8. Any other activity that poses a significant risk of starting a fire.

NOTE: Burn permits issued before the effective date of these Temporary Fire Restrictions are ineffective and do not exempt any activity from this ban.

Exemptions approved under these Temporary Fire Restrictions:

- * Persons with a valid written permit from the Sheriff which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
- * Any Federal, State, or local Law Enforcement or Fire Officer acting in the performance of an official duty.
- * Any fires contained within liquid fueled or gas fueled stoves.

 (Note that charcoal grill fires at private residences are NOT EXEMPTED.)

Individuals operating under any of the above exemptions shall take adequate measures to prevent uncontrolled fires. Possible measures include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Containers of adequate water or dry soil nearby.
- 2. Shovels, fire extinguishers, or other extinguishing agents nearby.
- 3. Coordination with the local Fire Department or District to be on scene or standby during an activity.

Violators may be charged with 4th degree Arson and/or Reckless Endangerment, or as provided in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 8.

These Temporary Fire Restrictions will become effective at 12:00 P.M. on March 14, 2017, and shall remain in effect until superseded or repealed.

Executed this 13 day of MARCH, 2017.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF

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