

**TEMPORARY STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS**  
**NO SHOOTING**

**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**

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 1 Restrictions:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using any open fire as defined in Ordinance No. 8, except a fire within a permanently constructed fire grate in a developed park, campground or picnic area.
2. Sale, possessing, discharging or using any type of fireworks or other pyrotechnic device to include sparklers. This order does not differentiate between lawful use or careless/negligent use of fireworks, but prohibits all fireworks activity and use on public lands as identified above, **except municipal-conducted fireworks shows** with liability insurance, fire mitigation in preparation and fire suppression on scene during and as needed after the display. This order as it relates to fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices shall expire when this ban is lifted.
3. Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area of at least three feet diameter that is barren or cleared of all combustible material.
4. All other outdoor spark or flame producing activities.
5. Shooting (discharging of fire arms of any kind) EXCEPT for hunting with a 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 U.S. Highway 6).

“Open Fire” is defined in Clear Creek County Ordinance No. 8 as: “Any fire outdoors for any purpose, including, but not limited to, bonfires, campfires, charcoal or weed barbeques; lighting off fireworks of any kind, trash or rubbish burning, smoking and lawn, weed, ditch or crop burning”; but excludes “propane or natural gas barbeque or liquid fuel stove if it is attended at all times and is in a fully enclosed, covered barbeque grill or is contained within a liquid fuel stove.”

**NOTE: Burn permits issued and not executed prior to the effective date of these**

**Temporary Fire Restrictions shall not be authorized unless approved by the issuing agency on the day of execution.**

Exemptions approved under these Temporary Fire Restrictions:

- Persons with a valid written permit from the Sheriff or appropriate Fire Authority which specifically authorizes the prohibited act.
- Any Federal, State, or local Law Enforcement or Fire Officer acting in the performance of an official duty.
- Charcoal grill fires at private residences.
- Open fires required in religious ceremonies and for which a valid written permit has been granted in advance by the local Fire Department or District.

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

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

There is competent evidence of a high fire danger because: the U.S. Forest Service reports timber is extremely dry with thousand-hour fuels that are at only 9% moisture content in the Guanella Pass area; The Pike Forest is under fire restrictions; the Arapahoe-Roosevelt fire rating is moderate to high; There have been four lightning fires, two in the west end of the County, (Devil's Canyon, Central City Parkway) starting within 2 hours of a storm, which is extraordinarily fast, and two on the east end (Indian Peak and Bergen Peak), the past week; there has been one fire from an unattended campfire in the Fall River area; and the excessive demand on firefighting resources throughout the state means wildfire firefighting resources normally available to the County are or may not be available should a wildfire occur.

Violators may be charged with 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Friday, June 8, 2018, and shall remain in effect until superseded or repealed.

Executed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, at 12:00 P.M.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY SHERIFF

  
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Rick Albers