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Proclamation of Advanced Closed Fire Season for Grand County and San Juan County, Utah

Whereas: Wildfire danger is unseasonably high due to warmer temperatures, drier than normal weather, and abnormally dry fuel conditions in Grand and San Juan counties.

Whereas: Minimizing the threat of wildfire on state and private lands in southeast Utah is critical to maintaining public health, safety and welfare, and economic well-being.

Whereas: An advancement of the statutory closed fire season would reduce open burning on all state land and unincorporated private land.

Whereas: Open burning is known to be a frequent cause of wildfire.

Therefore: In accordance with Utah State Statute §65A-8-211(1)(c), I do hereby proclaim that the closed fire season, which normally begins June 1, be advanced to begin on May 23, 2018, in Grand County and San Juan County.

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Fire Restriction Order

Due to current and forecasted weather conditions coupled with the extremely dry conditions in Southeastern Utah, the State Forester, in consultation with the County Commission in each 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pursuant to Utah State Law, Section 65A-8-212, the following acts are prohibited in the areas described below until rescinded by the Utah State Forester: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. Setting, building, maintaining, attending or using open fires of any kind, except within the facilities designated for them in improved campgrounds, picnic areas or home sites 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 kind of 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.

Any of the above acts is a violation of state law and punishable by up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000.

The following persons are exempted from the above prohibitions:

1. Persons with a permit or waiver specifically authorizing a specified act at a specific location.
2. Any on-duty firefighter in the performance of an official duty.

Area Description:

All unincorporated private and all state lands within Grand, and San Juan counties

This order **does not affect** private lands within incorporated **towns or city limits**.

Effective Date:

12:01 a.m., Friday, May 25, 2018

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