



## Custer County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Lloyd R. Smith

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August 14, 2025

### Stage 2 Fire Restrictions Now in Effect - Custer County

After consultation with the Wet Mountain Fire Protection District Fire Chief and a thorough review of current fire danger conditions and the lack of available mutual aid resources, Sheriff and Fire Warden Rich Smith has implemented **Stage 2 Fire Restrictions** for **Custer County**, effective immediately on **August 14, 2025**.

Under Stage 2 Fire Restrictions, the following activities are **prohibited by statute**:

- **Campfires**
- **Open burning**
- **Use of fireworks, explosive targets, model rockets.**
- **Outdoor smoking**
- **Welding or operating acetylene or similar torches** with an open flame, unless in a cleared area free of vegetation. Must have fire extinguisher or water supply.
- **Operation of internal combustion engines** without a properly installed and functioning spark arrestor. Must have fire extinguisher or water supply.
- **Prescribed burns**  
(Any previously issued permits are now revoked.)

These restrictions will remain in effect until modified as specified in **Custer County Resolution 18-17**.

These fire restrictions do not apply to the US Forest Service or BLM which have not issued a fire restriction. However, users of these public lands should use extreme caution.

### Stay Informed and Prepared

For updates, visit:

[Custer County Sheriff's Office Website](#)

To sign up for **Everbridge emergency alerts** (cell phone, landline, text, or email), use the link below:

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Know your neighborhood's fire evacuation route:

[View Fire Evacuation Routes \(PDF\)](#)

Respectfully,

Rich Smith

*Sheriff and Fire Warden*

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