



Custer County Sheriff's Office

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March 13, 2025

Fire Restrictions

Today, after consultation with the WMFPD Fire Chief and a thorough review of current fire danger conditions Sheriff and Fire Warden Rich Smith has implemented Stage I Fire Restrictions for Custer County.

Stage I Fire Restrictions are now in effect, and the following activities are prohibited by statute:

- Open burning, with exceptions for fires and campfires within permanently constructed fire grates in developed campgrounds and picnic grounds; charcoal grills and wood-burning stoves at private residences in areas cleared (three feet distance) of all flammable materials.
- The use of any fireworks without a professional display permit, outdoor pyrotechnics such as explosive targets, or model rockets.
- Outdoor smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter, barren or cleared of all flammable materials.
- Welding or operating an acetylene or similar torch with an open flame is prohibited except in an area cleared of vegetation.
- No internal combustion engine operation without a spark arresting device properly installed and in working order.
- Prescribed burns: any previously issued permits for such burns are revoked.

These restrictions, which take effect today, March 13, 2025, will remain in effect until they are modified pursuant to Custer County Resolution 18-17.

For updates on restrictions and guidelines, please go to: <https://custersheriff.colorado.gov/>

If a fire evacuation becomes necessary the Sheriff's Office uses the opt in program Everbridge to alert residents by cel phone, land line, text or email. To opt in to Everbridge or update your methods of contact please use the link on the page above or click <https://member.everbridge.net/355009111785665/new>

Do you know what the fire evacuation routes are for your neighborhood? If not use the webpage above or click <https://custersheriff.colorado.gov/sites/custersheriff/files/documents/FireEVACRoutes.pdf>

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "LRSmith".

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