

**JEFFERSON-COMO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
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**BURN BAN INFORMATION**

The following information is designed to clarify the "Burning" classifications as defined by the Park County Sheriff and area Fire Districts.

**DEFINITIONS OF BURNING CLASSIFICATIONS**

**RESTRICTED:**

Fires restricted during a Restricted Burn Status include, but are not limited to, trash, bon fires, and special event fires. These require a burn permit (refer to burn permit for conditions). A burn permit must be obtained from your local fire department. **Campfires are allowed without a permit, and must be no larger than a 30" diameter, 8" depth, with no vegetation in the pit, or in an area 3 feet from the pit and have no longer than a 2' flame height. Care concerning fire should be emphasized at all times.** Posted "fire signs" during these conditions will read "use caution with fire."

**RED FLAG:**

Watch, or Warning, is issued by the National Weather Service. A Red Flag is not a Burn Ban but rather a Watch, or Warning, concerning the conditions in different areas of the State. Jefferson-Como Fire Protection District is in Zone 208.

**Watch:** Drying Conditions  
Fire danger moderate to high  
Moderate to high winds  
Possibility of dry lightning

**Warning:** Dry Conditions  
Fire danger high  
High winds  
Hot temperatures  
Dry Lightning

**NO FIRES: (BURN BAN)**

No fires are allowed during a Burn Ban Status, with the following exceptions: white gas or propane-fueled lanterns, stoves, and barbeques with a flame length no greater than 1/2" long.

When District or County and possibly other Burn Bans are in effect, smoking of tobacco products will be confined to the interior of buildings or vehicles. The use of a chain saw or gasoline engines, like generators or motorcycles, without spark arresters is prohibited.

Any violations concerning Burn Bans are subject to fines to extinguish the fire, or the cost for apparatus/personnel stand-by. These fines are in accordance with Federal Forest AD rates.

**BURN BANS ARE ISSUED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES:**

**District-** A District Burn Ban is issued by the Fire Chief, if the Fire Chief determines that dry or extreme conditions exist. The Fire Chief will notify the Sheriff's Office of the District Burn Ban.

**County-** A County Burn Ban is issued by the Fire Marshall (Sheriff).

**Federal Forest Service-**

This Burn Ban is issued by the Federal Forest Service (USFS) regarding National Forest lands.

The USFS usually starts with a restriction on open fires, i.e. campfires in designated fire pits only. They proceed to a Burn Ban when conditions worsen.

Pueblo Dispatch Board of Directors meet and make recommendations regarding a Burn Ban on –

**USFS lands**

**BLM lands**

**County lands**

**Governor (State)-**

This Burn Ban is issued from the Office of the Governor and affects all State and private lands. The Sheriff's Department enforces a Governor's Burn Ban.

**State Forest Land-**

This Burn Ban is issued by the State Forest Service and affects all State forest lands. The State Forest Service can issue a Red Flag Watch or Warning on private lands.