



Steamboat Springs Enacts Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Tomorrow

City Joins Routt County At Heightened Level on Wednesday, July 9

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-July 8, 2025-The City of Steamboat Springs will implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions starting just after midnight (12:01am), Wednesday, July 9, 2025, and these restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded or expanded. The city joins Routt County, which is also moving to Stage 1 at the same time.

“Conditions have dried out rapidly, and temperatures are well above normal for this time of year,” said Chuck Cerasoli, Fire Chief for Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR). “Even without human activity, fire danger is already very high. We’re urging everyone to be extremely cautious—any wildland fire will place a serious strain on local resources.”

The Fire Danger Rating Areas across Northwest Colorado are Very High for Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt and High for Jackson and Grand Counties. More than 20 counties across the state have enacted fire restrictions.

Under Stage 1, certain activities are prohibited including use of any campfire, warming fire, or charcoal grill except in designated campgrounds, picnic areas or developed recreational sites. Recreational fires at private residences are permitted with a valid SSFR permit during Stage I.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreational site, or while stopped in an area of at least three (3) feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material is prohibited under Stage I.

Operating a chainsaw without a USDA or SAE approved spark arresting device is prohibited. In addition, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher is required to be with the operator and additional supplies should be readily available for use.

“If conditions continue on this trajectory, I wouldn’t be surprised to see additional restrictions in the near future,” continued Cerasoli. “As we’ve seen, one spark can get out of hand and grow quickly which is something no one wants to see.”

Please review the Stage I Fire Restrictions for permitted and prohibited activities and contact Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue with questions at 970-879-7170.

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