



Stage 2 Brings Elevated Fire Restrictions To Yampa Valley

City Joins Routt County at Heightened Level as Fire Danger Sits at EXTREME

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-August 11, 2025-The City of Steamboat Springs will implement Stage 2 Fire Restrictions starting just after midnight (12:01am), Wednesday, August 13, 2025, and these restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded or expanded. The city's restrictions match Routt County which is also anticipated to move to Stage 2.

"We're facing a very imminent danger this summer as evident by extreme drought conditions, a continued hot and dry weather pattern and several fires already burning in the region," commented Fire Chief Chuck Cerasoli. "It will take a community commitment from all of us to follow these restrictions and do everything we can to reduce human caused wildfires."

Stage 2 Fire Restrictions prohibits all open fires and campfires (exception petroleum-fueled stoves, lanterns or heating devices underwriter UL approved), use of explosives and fireworks, as well as welding and cutting torch devices. Smoking is restricted to enclosed vehicles or buildings. In addition, all chainsaws and other internal combustion engines, including motorcycles and ATVs, must have spark arresting devices that are properly installed and in working order. The use of tracer rounds, or incendiary targets are prohibited for all shooting activities.



Unlike earlier restrictions, individuals with recreational burn permits from Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR) for fire pits at private residences are prohibited from burning under Stage 2, as well as the use of open charcoal grills.

Agricultural, businesses and other entities within city limits and in the Steamboat Springs Area Fire District that require work which involves prohibited activities under Stage 2, must obtain an exemption from Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue, 970-879-7170. Within Routt County and outside of the fire district, individuals must contact the Emergency Management Office.

The current fire rating sits at EXTREME for Routt, Moffat and Rio Blanco counties. Three large fires, Lee (116,859 acres), Elk (14,635 acres), and Twelve (4,287 acre), are currently burning in the northwestern portion of the state, making a total of 18 wildfires across Colorado.

Please review the Stage 2 Fire Restrictions for permitted and prohibited activities and contact Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue with questions, 970-879-7170. In addition, sign up for [Routt County Emergency Alerts](#) so you can be contacted when minutes matters during an emergency.

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