



Stage 1 Fire Restrictions Implemented

City Joins Routt County & Other Agencies at Heightened Level

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-July 16, 2020-The City of Steamboat Springs will implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions starting at 8:00am tomorrow, Friday, July 17, 2020, and these restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded.

“Dry conditions, warmer than normal temperatures and reduced precipitation have been predominant across the state and the Yampa Valley,” said Chuck Cerasoli, Interim Fire Chief for Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue. “Add in strong winds and increased lightning activity and our fire risks are elevated before even factoring in any human elements.”

The city’s restrictions match Routt County, which announced it was enacting Stage 1 earlier today. In addition, the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have been under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions for the entire Routt National Forest and Thunder Basin National Grassland.

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions certain activities are prohibited, however, the public can still use charcoal fires for cooking (BBQ); may have recreational fires at private residences with a valid permit from Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue; and recreational/camp fires are allowed in permanent fire pits or fire grates in a developed picnic areas or camp grounds.



“Until conditions improve, we’re asking for everyone’s continued diligence and assistance to reduce the chance of human caused fires,” continued Cerasoli. “As has been the unfortunate case in the past, one spark can get out of hand and grow quickly.”

Further emphasizing the changing conditions, an A Star helicopter and base crew have been pre-positioned at Bob Adams Field-Steamboat Springs Airport. The heli team remains on call to respond to fire activity in the area or across the state. Currently, there are eight wildland fires burning in Colorado.

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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