



## **Drying Conditions Trigger Stage 1 Fire Restrictions** *City Joins Routt County & US Forest Service at Heightened Level*

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-September 7, 2022**-The City of Steamboat Springs will implement Stage 1 Fire Restrictions starting just after midnight (12:01am) tomorrow, Thursday, September 8, 2022, and these restrictions will remain in effect until rescinded or expanded.

“While the Yampa Valley has seen more precipitation this summer, conditions are drying out quickly as fall approaches and we’re not out of the woods,” said Chuck Cerasoli, Fire Chief for Steamboat Springs Fire Rescue (SSFR). “Fire risks are elevated before even factoring in any human elements and we’re asking everyone to be extremely cautious as any wildland fire will severely stress local resources.”

The city’s restrictions match Routt & Grand Counties with all three regions in Northwest Colorado under Very High conditions.

Under Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, certain activities are prohibited, however, the public may have recreational fires at private residences with a valid SSFR permit until Stage 2 restrictions are in place.

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.

“Conditions continue to change daily, and I wouldn’t be surprised to see additional restrictions if the current drying trend continues,” continued Cerasoli. “As has been the unfortunate case in the past, 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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